

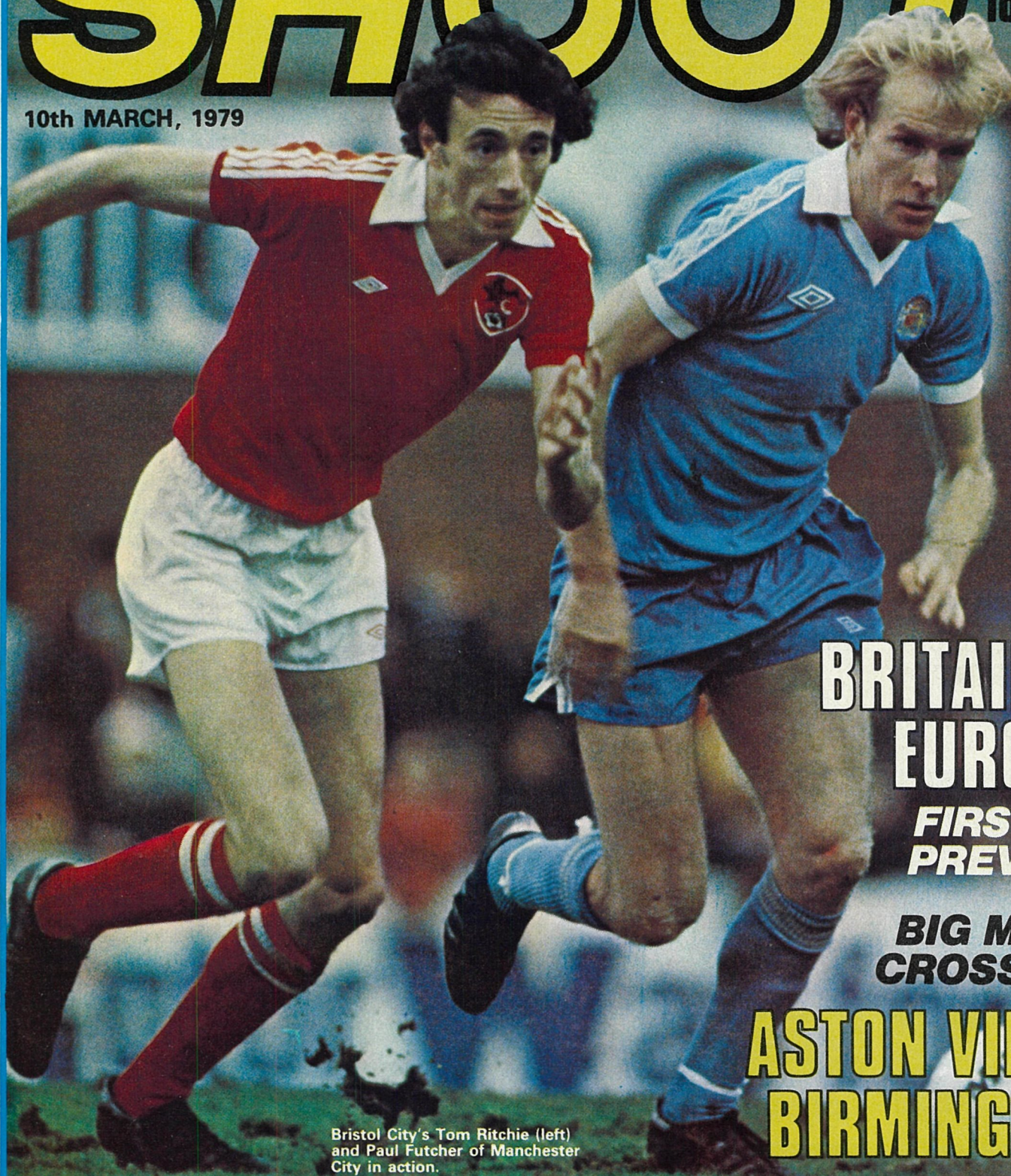
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Bristol City's Tom Ritchie (left)
and Paul Fletcher of Manchester
City in action.

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There could have been two Andy Ritchie's at Man. United

WE all know Manchester United have unearthed a great prospect in teenage striker Andy Ritchie (right, centre), Joe Jordan's stand-in, but did you know there might have been another Andy Ritchie in the Old Trafford attack today playing alongside his team-mate?

It's true. Morton's Andy Ritchie might have been a Manchester United player if he had not become homesick as a youngster and wanted back to Scotland where he eventually took his sparkling ball-playing skills to Celtic.

He moved to the Cappielow side three years ago, but he recently revealed his Old Trafford connection. He didn't sign, of course, but you can't say that the Old Trafford giants didn't do everything in their power to persuade Andy to join them.

They even picked him up in the morning from his digs by chauffeur-driven car. And who was Andy's chauffeur? None other than a certain George Best!

I suppose television commentators and the sporting Press are delighted that Andy decided against signing for United. Could you imagine the confusion he would have caused in a forward-line that consisted of two Andy Ritchies!

● United's Andy has been well versed in the game.

A schoolboy Under-15 international and also a Youth cap for England, he got in four appearances last term for United when he was only 17.

Manchester-born, he has had no other club than United and now seeks a regular place with them — and with England!



NEWS Compiled by Peter Stewart DESK

DEREK Atkins at 16-years-of-age is certainly the youngest goalkeeper, if not player, to have taken part in this season's Scottish Cup.

When regular Queen's Park 'keeper Jim Preston injured himself at work, coach Joe Gilroy put Derek in goal against Clydebank in the Third Round at Kilbowie Park.

At one time in the game the amateurs were three goals down and it must have been Derek's worst moments since joining the Hampden side four months ago.

But Queen's Park levelled the score to force a replay and coach Gilroy is convinced that his new goalkeeper is one for the future.

NO prizes for guessing which team goalkeeper Enda Eames fears most. The Galway Rovers reserve was hit for six by Bohemians recently while last year Eames, then with Home Farm, was beaten eight times by the rampant Bohemians.

Boro backed Willie

MIDDLESBROUGH and former England Under-23 international Willie Maddren (right) has been forced to pack in the game. Maddren, who underwent a major knee operation in September, 1977, was told by a consultant: "You could finish a cripple if you play again."

Maddren accepted his advice on February 2 after a brave, pain-wracked comeback bid. Maddren, a player respected by fellow professionals, admitted: "In a way, it has come as a relief after months of physical and mental anxiety. I have explored every avenue. I can now live with it."

Jack Charlton once rated Maddren as: "The best uncapped player in England." Maddren had two big regrets — he missed out on a major honour with his club and he did not gain a full international cap.

Fortunately, the Middlesbrough fans backed him with an 18,000 testimonial match turn-out and Maddren now has the security of a sports outfitters shop.



PLAYERS always remember their first League game especially if they score. However, Limerick's Pat Mullalley will probably remember his debut for another reason.

Thirty minutes after his brother Fran was sent-off, Pat made his League debut as substitute for the Shannonsiders in their recent home game against Athlone Town.

Campbell new boss

EX-GLENAVON boss Alan Campbell, who guided the Lurgan Blues to a League runners-up spot and U.E.F.A. Cup qualification in 1976-77, recently succeeded in deposing Billy Johnstone as Ballymena United supremo.

The move saw experienced Campbell, a one-time Irish Schoolboy, Youth, Amateur and Inter-League defender, link-up with his former Coleraine team-mates Davy Jackson, Ivan Murray and Alan Simpson, all of whom campaigned with the successful Bann-siders before their switch to the Co. Antrim outfit.

MURRAY BACK

SIX months after returning homesick from Everton, Martin Murray has gone back to the club to try his luck again in the First Division.

Back in 1975, Billy Bingham, then the Everton boss, beat a possee of clubs for the youngster's signature.

But after two-and-a-half years Martin went home to Dublin disappointed at not making the Everton first team.

Although now a professional, he was allowed to turn out for his former club Home Farm, who are amateurs.

UNDER their new manager, Theo Dunne, Athlone Town recently created a club record by going 13 League games without defeat.

Gemmill on the move?

THE arrival of £1 million Trevor Francis at Nottingham Forest could mean the departure of favourites Archie Gemmill and Martin O'Neill, two of the four players manager Brian Clough was prepared to offer Birmingham in part exchange before they made it clear they wanted cash.

The other two were goalkeeper Chris Woods and David Needham.

Birmingham want Woods, whose first team chances at Forest are obviously limited playing in the shadow of Peter Shilton. Ironically, the same situation faced Shilton at Leicester when Gordon Banks was the number one.

Bolton have already made a bid of £360,000 for Martin O'Neill, probably Forest's most consistent midfielder over the past year.

Apparently, Cloughie wants to raise money to buy two more players... Coventry City striker Mick Ferguson — he's already had one £500,000 approach turned down — and Derby midfielder Gerry Daly.

Our Paul—and Sadie—a hit

WHEN Kevin Keegan left Liverpool and went to Germany we lost a great footballer, but, in return we have gained a great German singer. Her name is Sadie Nine, a stunning blonde who partners Paul Trevillion — the man who draws 'You are the Ref' — in a cabaret act which just recently stopped the show in Martin Peters' football benefit night at the Talk of East Anglia.

Sadie, whose great grandfather was German, has just made a record for Pye which came out on 2nd March. It is originally a German song called Take It Easy, written by Jass and Simons and the English lyrics have been written by Bill Martin and Phil Coulter, composers of such classics as "Congratulations" and "Puppet On A String".

The last time Martin and Coulter penned an English version of a foreign song they had a big hit. It was "My Boy", sung by Elvis Presley.



The record, which is produced by Richard Gillinson, will be released in Germany, and, when Trevillion and Nine go over there to do promotional work it will be arranged for Sadie to meet her football hero — Kevin Keegan.

VILLA'S OVERDRAFT

FOUR blank Saturdays at Villa Park in January ravaged the Birmingham club's cash flow to the tune of around £100,000 after their wage bill had been met. On the other hand, Villa are more fortunate than many clubs as secretary Alan Bennett explained: "We have a sympathetic bank manager who appreciates that money will be available when re-arranged fixtures are played." Try telling that to Halifax or Rochdale!

SOME JANUARY MOVES

Emonn Bannon (Hearts to Chelsea)
Micky Barker (Newcastle to Gillingham)
Gary Emmanuel (Birmingham to Bristol R.)
Roy Greenwood (Sunderland to Derby)
Steve Jones (Q.P.R. to Walsall)
David Mills (Middlesbrough to West Brom)
Ernie Moss (Mansfield to Chesterfield)
Derek Showers (Bournemouth to Portsmouth)
Colin Sullivan (Norwich C. to Cardiff)
Alex Stepney (Man. Utd. to Dallas Tornado)
Brian Talbot (Ipswich to Arsenal)
Steve Taylor (Oldham to Luton)
Ian Turner (Southampton to Walsall)
Steve Wicks (Chelsea to Derby).
Malcolm Allison resigned as manager Plymouth A. and appointed chief coach Manchester C.
Bobby Saxton former Exeter C. manager appointed manager Plymouth A.
Brian Godfrey appointed manager Exeter C.
Doug Collins appointed manager Rochdale
John Benson resigned as manager Bournemouth
Alex Stock appointed manager Bournemouth

Cup Final Ref

FORMER Leicester City, Mansfield Town and schoolboy international Peter Reeves will referee the League Cup Final between Southampton and Nottingham Forest at Wembley on March 17th.

BIRMINGHAM full-back Patrick van den Hauwe is a youngster who has tasted the thrill of First Division football — yet he still gets a big kick out of watching his brother play on a Sunday morning.

Patrick, who has also won honours for cross-country, swimming and judo, had youth experience with both Arsenal and Chelsea.

The Dendermonde (Belgium)-born 18-year-old now has his home in London.

Why Bryan's popping 'em in

WHY IS Bryan Robson hitting the headlines as a goalscorer for West Ham this season? Pop reckons it is because he has started playing one of his favourite off-field sports again — table tennis.

Crack 'em in Robson, is playing two or three times a week and is convinced he owes his sharpness in front of goal — he's now topped the 20 mark — to the extra fitness he gets from the exercise.

"You only have to watch the Chinese stars on television to realise how fit you have to be to play table tennis," he says. "Apart from stamina, you need to be very supple and light to get around the table at speed."

"I don't compare my game to the Chinese players, but I do feel that playing it has made the upper half of my body much more supple and I'm sure it is helping my football."

Table tennis — plus a natural instinct and skill — has made Bryan one of the finest, and certainly most consistent, strikers since Jimmy Greaves.

DUMBARTON have their eyes on the Scottish Premier Division and plan to be prepared for when big-time football returns to Boghead.

The existing 80-seater stand is soon to be demolished and replaced by a 300-seater. A new office block and dressing rooms are also included in the first phase. A gymnasium, conference rooms for the use of the whole community, and an indoor bowling rink will follow. The whole scheme is costing around £250,000.



THE BANNER that tells the story... following England's fine victory over Northern Ireland in their recent European Championship tie this message from a band of fans at Wembley is very appropriate. Since Ron Greenwood took over as manager in 1977? England have lost one match out of 12. Let's all hope that England maintain their rise... and inflation keeps going down.

Match Off

BECAUSE of the backlog of matches North of the border, the proposed Inter-League game between Scotland and Eire fixed for March 19th has been cancelled.

FACTastic

IN 1887 Cliftonville (Ireland) were drawn at home against Partick Thistle (Scotland) in the F.A. Cup. Yes, it's true. The Thistle party crossed the Irish Sea by boat and thrashed the Belfast side 11-1. Had the draw given Partick a home tie, the Irishmen would have had to scratch — for lack of money for the fares to Scotland!

CELTIC have turned down an offer to play a friendly in Gibraltar.

TAMESIDE will fill two special trains when they send 1,400 schoolboys to Wembley for the England-Wales schoolboy international on March 24.

HEARD the one about the First Division goalkeeper who is called Dracula by his team-mates. Why? They claim he is scared stiff of crosses.

Allison's ideal successor

BOBBY Saxton, who has taken over as boss at Plymouth from Malcolm Allison, believes his new club have the potential to reach the Second Division.

And with that possibility arising, Saxton might well be renewing acquaintance with a Wolves side struggling at present to maintain their First Division status.

Balby-born Saxton had two years at Molineux as an amateur before he signed professional for Derby in February, 1962.

He moved on to Plymouth six years later, but it did not appear to be a happy move at first. Within ten months of going to Home Park, the defender had a transfer request granted. But it all blew over and Bob stayed there for seven and a half years before going to Exeter in September, 1975. Sixteen months later he was appointed player-manager.

But there is no doubt that Saxton created a good impression at Home Park because he was the unanimous selection of the directors to take over from Allison.

Robert Daniel, the Plymouth chairman, said: "Bob was a very popular player with us and we feel certain he can make the ideal successor."

CHESTER schoolboy Peter Cartwright got a dream present for his 16th birthday... he passed his F.A. exam to become one of Britain's youngest-ever referees.

Peter, who passed after a six-week course, can now officiate in local League games and hope to graduate to the big time in the future.

Brave Bruce

DERBY and Scotland star Bruce Rioch did NOT have appendicitis, as widely reported when he was ill last year. In fact, brave Bruce had a much more serious infection which finally attacked his appendix and forced surgeons to operate.

Glad you're better, Bruce.

Little chance of a Big Match ticket

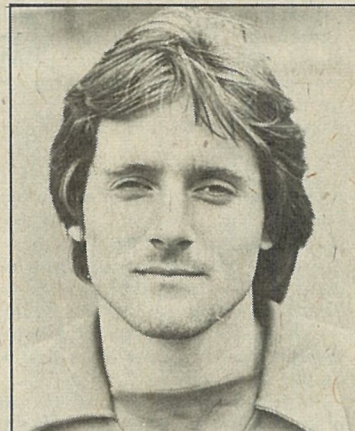
THE much-awaited England/Scotland clash at Wembley will bring gate receipts of around £500,000. Top price is £10 for the best seats down to £2.50 for a terrace ticket. Yet the fan has little chance of obtaining a ticket, especially in Scotland, where the allocation is 29,273.

Just 3,925 tickets are available to the general public, less than 14 per cent of the allocation. Each of the 50 S.F.A. councillors will receive 20 stand and ten terrace tickets, so the answer seems to be... if you're one of the thousands of Scots who want to come down to Wembley, you've either got to be very lucky, or related to a councillor!

Loyal O's

ORIENT can't attract big crowds for home matches — but nobody can ever say that those that do turn up at Brisbane Road aren't really loyal. More than 3,000 of them travelled to Ipswich for the F.A. Cup Fourth Round — and Orient are lucky to get twice as many again for home games.

Fry could be big



MAKE a note of the name David Fry. The 18-year-old Crystal Palace goalkeeper is reckoned to be a lad with a shining future by his manager, Terry Venables.

David has already had a sniff of success... he was a star in Palace's F.A. Youth Cup winning side last season and has played for the first team.

PETER Doherty, the former Northern Ireland star, is now scouting for Blackpool.

Soccer Sound

FOOTBALL has never been healthier from a financial point of view than it is this season, claims Manchester City's chairman Peter Swales.

Income from pools' companies, television, spot the ball, and a multitude of lotteries was swelling the coffers.

"Even at lower levels, the game is healthier than it has been for 20 years," he says. "Non-League clubs, too, are benefiting, especially from lotteries."

NORWICH starlet Peter Mendham is going to be a great midfield player. Who says so? None other than former England star Martin Peters, now the Norwich skipper, who says: "He is one of the best young midfield players I have seen." That's some praise.

GRAHAM'S GREAT START...

WHAT a year 1979 promises to be for Shrewsbury Town player-manager Graham Turner. Since Ritchie Barker's departure to Wolves, Graham has successfully maintained the Gay Meadow club's promotion drive towards the Second Division and plotted the F.A. Cup downfall of mighty Manchester City.

On February 3rd, the man for whom Town paid a record £30,000 fee to Chester in January, 1973, won the Bell's Manager of the Month award.

Turner celebrated later that day by scoring a vital pointwinner for Shrewsbury at Hull.

REPORTING for England duty before the game against Northern Ireland at Wembley I was almost convinced I stood no chance of being picked to play.

Following Peter Shilton's great display in England's goal the previous game, a friendly against Czechoslovakia, various members of the media, in the Press and television, had formed a sort of pressure group campaigning for him to take my place.

Fortunately for me, England manager Ron Greenwood showed the strength of his convictions by sticking with the men who had obtained three points from the two away games we'd played in the European Championship.

My team-mate at Liverpool, Phil Neal, was also recalled in place of Forest's Viv Anderson, who had played against the Czechs.

Ron Greenwood really put his head on the chopping block for us, because if England had not beaten the Irish he would have received tremendous criticism from certain quarters.

As it was, I didn't feel I completely justified myself, playing below my usual form. But I still succeeded in walking off the pitch with a clean sheet, even though I was not severely tested at any stage.

I did come in for some stick over misjudging a Sammy McIlroy free-kick that seemed to be going well clear until it suddenly dipped and hit the woodwork. Not only did it fool me, but the "wall" of players in front of me. They were all convinced the shot was going off-target.

Sammy was also involved in an incident which some people believe should have resulted in a penalty-kick being awarded against us.

The ball was played through for Sammy, running into our penalty-area. Expecting the ball to bounce vertically, I ran out to catch it. But either because it was spinning or because it struck a hump, the ball flew away from me and Sammy. I collided with him and we both went down.

Far from favouring England, I maintain that the ref was wrong in giving the Irish a corner-kick, for I never touched the ball!

McIlroy was one of the few Irishmen to play well, whereas several of the England team put on what could

rank as their finest performances in the red-white-and-blue shirts.

The three midfield men, for instance: Trevor Brooking, Tony Currie and Steve Coppell.

Steve was unlucky not to score with a mighty header in the first-half from almost point-blank range. Pat Jennings, the Irish captain, did marvellously to knock it over the bar.

But the man who stood head and shoulders above everyone was Kevin Keegan, who showed just why he merited the title "European Footballer of the Year".

Razor-sharp, he gave the Irish a terrific runaround, darting here, there and everywhere. It was Kevin who scored our first goal, getting on the end of a Steve Coppell cross and knocking the ball past Pat Jennings.

Kevin's skills are the same as he had at Anfield. Where he has improved tremendously is in his tactical awareness. He now knows exactly where to be at the right time, how to draw opponents out of position and when to go it alone.

Praise was heaped on Kev from every direction after the match. The Ireland manager, Danny Blanchflower, even said: "If we'd had him on our side we might have nicked it."

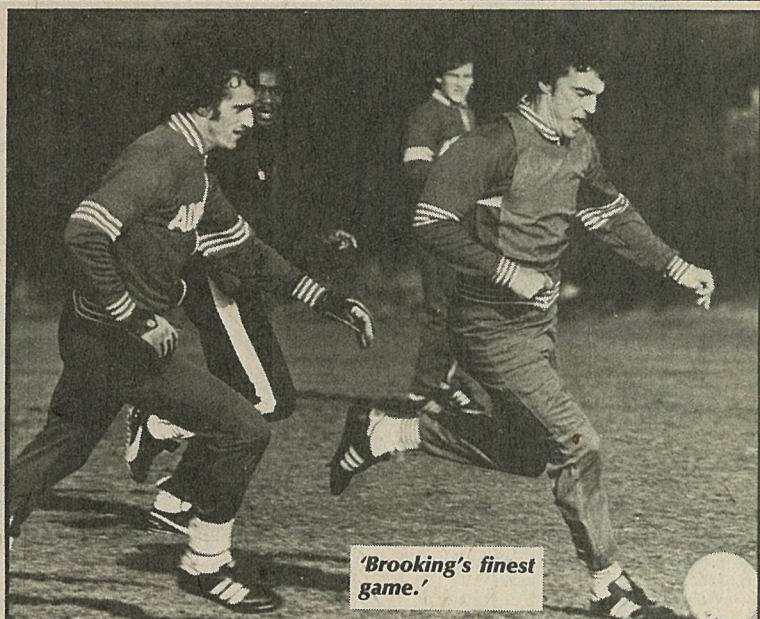
I'd have reminded Danny that one man never makes a team, he has to have a "supporting cast" to give him the right service. And with all respect to the Irish lads, they weren't as capable of bringing out the best in Kev as our players.

I was discussing Kev with West Brom manager Ron Atkinson and he remarked, with a twinkle in his eye: "I would have brought Kevin off with 20 minutes to go. I definitely saw him stop running — for half-a-minute!"

The 4-0 victory was a highly satisfying result. Beforehand, aware of Ireland's 2-0 win over Bulgaria in Sofia, we would have been well pleased to come off winning 1-0.

With every game our players become more integrated and confident of playing well together. Only one defeat in 13 games under Ron Greenwood is a very encouraging record which few other international sides can better at this moment.

It's a marvellous feeling being top of our group with a game in hand. But a lot depends on what happens



season tour of 1974, under caretaker manager Joe Mercer, when we won 1-0.

Winning away from home always gives players an extra-special thrill, and we at Liverpool are hoping to sample it this Saturday on our visit to Stamford Bridge to meet Chelsea in the League.

We aim to wipe out two unpleasant memories from last season: well-deserved defeats in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup and later in the League.

RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer

'ENGLAND WITH

in the two games Bulgaria have to play before we meet them in Sofia in June.

Two good results could really boost them and ensure a full house for the match. Already we anticipate a much harder tussle than they gave the Irish, on the basis that teams always raise their game against England.

This is a cross we have to bear for originating soccer and holding a dominant position for so long in the past.

Kevin and I have already had the experience of playing in Sofia against the Bulgars — in the close

On both occasions we were guilty of lack of discipline, attacking recklessly and so leaving ourselves open at the back. It mustn't happen again.

I'm looking forward to meeting-up with my old broadcasting partner, Duncan McKenzie. He and I used to do a radio show together on Sunday mornings on Merseyside.

I'll also have a chat with their

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Manchester in Europe

Can you tell me how the two big Manchester clubs fared when they played together in the European Cup in 1968-69?

MARK HUTCHINGS, SALFORD

● League Champions City went out first go, Mark — losing 1-2 on aggregate to Fenerbahce of Turkey (0-0 at home; 1-2 away).

But European Cup-holders United went through to the Semi-Finals in their bid to hang on to the trophy.

First they beat Eire's Waterford 10-2 (3-1 away; 7-1 at home). Next victims were Anderlecht by 4-3 (1-3 away; 3-0 at home) — followed by Rapid Vienna 3-0 (3-0 at home; 0-0 away).

In the Semi-Finals, though, United went down 1-2 to AC Milan (0-2 away; 1-0 at home).

Fifth replay

Which F.A. Cup-tie has gone to the greatest number of replays?

MARTIN JONES, HILLINGDON

● Well, Martin, several ties have gone to four replays (five games in all) — including, only last January, the Arsenal-Sheffield Wednesday long-player.

But all are beaten by a Fourth Qualifying Round tie in 1971-72 — in which Alvechurch eventually beat Oxford City 1-0 in the fifth replay.

Total playing-time for their six meetings, including extra-time, came to 11 hours.

'Pool's debut

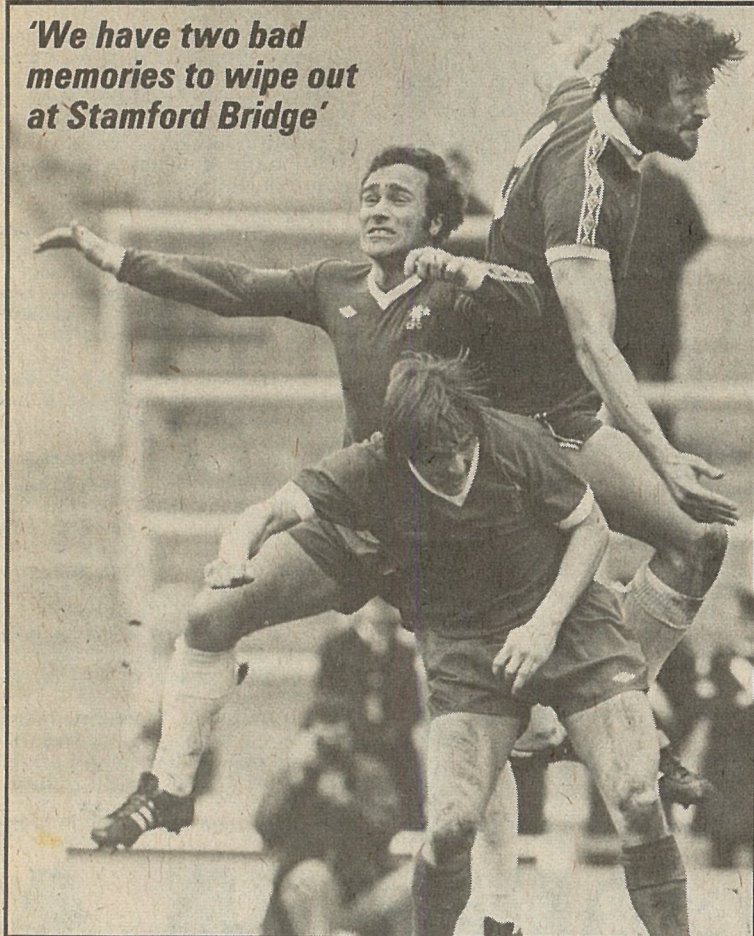
Liverpool have had a remarkable run in recent years, but I'd like to know what happened in their very first League season?

DAWN McFADYEN, BOLTON

● Liverpool were elected to the Second Division for the 1893-94 season, Dawn — and kicked-off on 2nd September with a 2-0 away win against Middlesbrough Ironopolis. A week later, their first League game at Anfield saw Lincoln whacked 4-0.

They never looked back that first season — easily running out Second Division Champions with a comfortable eight-point advantage over second-placed Small Heath (now called Birmingham City) — with a table-topping line which read ... Played 28; Won 22; Drawn 6; Lost 0; Goals-for 77; Goals-

'We have two bad memories to wipe out at Stamford Bridge'



IMPROVE EVERY GAME

physio, Norman Medhurst, who does the job for England, too.

At the England H.Q. before the Northern Ireland game, Norman boasted, tongue in cheek: "Chelsea are the sole unbeaten team so far in 1979!" The Blues had only played two games — one away and one at home!

Next week sees the first-legs of the Quarter-Finals of the various

European competitions, and it's a strange feeling not being involved.

In the European Cup Forest play Grasshoppers, the Swiss Champions, who should present Brian Clough's men with no problems.

On the other hand, Rangers have again been right out of luck in drawing Cologne, who are probably concentrating everything on going for the European Cup now that

their mid-table placing in the Bundesliga gives them little hope of becoming West German Champions again.

Rangers deserved an easier draw after overcoming Juventus and then P.S.V. Eindhoven in the earlier rounds.

Britain's lone survivors in the Cup-Winners' Cup, Ipswich Town, have been drawn against Barcelona, who knocked them out of the U.E.F.A. Cup last season.

Then the great John Cruyff did the damage, but he has left, his place taken by Hans Krankl, the Austrian World Cup striker.

Now fairly free of injuries, and running into something like their true form, the Blues from Portman Road stand a good chance of reaching the Semi-Finals. But it's sure to be close.

In the U.E.F.A. Cup, West Brom are linked with Red Star Belgrade, not the impressive side they were when they knocked Liverpool out of the European Cup in 1974 but still strong enough to dispose of Arsenal in the previous round this season.

West Brom will not underestimate Red Star, who must be confident of taking another British scalp, but the Midlands side are capable of

playing the tight, controlled football that's needed and getting those valuable goals away from home.

Manchester City are pitted against our "old enemies", Borussia Monchengladbach, whom we beat in the 1977 European Cup Final and again in the Semi-Final of last season's competition.

Borussia were less formidable in our last meeting — collapsing at Anfield so badly they lost by 3-0 — and now that key player Rainer Bonhof has left for Valencia, they must be a shadow of their 1977 side.

But Manchester City have also slumped once again, failing to live up to their potential, and their fate is in the lap of the gods.

If Tony Book and Malcolm Allison can somehow inspire them to strike form, City should go through. Otherwise, Maine Road is set for another disappointment.

With five teams still in contention, one European trophy at least should come to Britain.

Ray Clemence



'Kevin was razor-sharp'

against 18; Points 50.

That was the start of a three-season see-saw — for Liverpool were relegated straight back again, and then came up once more as Second Division Champs another twelve months later.

Goalscoring 'keeper

Which goalkeeper has scored the most goals in a season?

PAUL WELLS, ISLE of WIGHT

● At least as far as the Football League is concerned, Paul, a 'keeper named Arnold Birch holds that record.

In the 1923-24 season, in the old Third Division (North), Birch took five penalty-kicks for Chesterfield — and scored from the lot.

SHORT PASSES

● West Ham, for whom he's made over 400 first team appearances, is Trevor Brooking's only League club. **(JEHAN ANWAR, London, E.3)**

● Manchester United's record victory is 10-0 (v. Anderlecht; European Cup; 26th September, 1956); in the League, it's 10-1 (v. Wolves; Div One; 15th October, 1892). **(ANDREW BLAND, Salford)**

● Billy Bremner played 586 League games (92 goals) for Leeds, and played 54 times for Scotland. **(BRIAN MCGUIRE, Eire)**

● Aston Villa, with seven successes, have won the F.A. Cup most times — followed by Blackburn Rovers and Newcastle with six each.

(NIGEL SMITH, Bristol)

● This was the Leeds side which lost 0-2 to Bayern Munich in the 1975 European Cup Final — Stewart, Gray (F), Bremner, Madeley, Hunter, Lorimer, Clarke, Jordan, Giles, Yorath, Gray (F).

(A. C. EVANS, Swansea)

● Ted Drake scored all seven goals in Arsenal's 7-1 First Division win at Aston Villa on 14th December, 1935 — an individual "away" record for all Divisions of the Football League. **(JAMES MCCORMACK, Keighley)**

● Record F.A. Cup Final win is: Bury 6, Derby County 0 in 1903. **(DAVID BEDFORD, Braunton)**

● Leicester reached the 1969 F.A. Cup Final, losing 0-1 to Manchester City, and were relegated the same season.

(DARREN MARTIN, Birmingham)

● Terry Cooper played 250 League games for Leeds, and gained 20 full caps for England.

(IAN WELLS, Morecambe)

● Nottingham Forest's £1 million striker Trevor Francis made his League debut (coming on as a sub) in Birmingham's 2-0 defeat at Cardiff on 5th September, 1970.

(PHILIP JONES, Birmingham)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

THE question is so mind-boggling that most managers are reluctant to put a price on their heads. But on one point they are assured — if Francis is worth £1 million this trio would hoist the transfer ceiling through the roof.

Most managers are still struggling to grasp the full implications of Brian Clough's decision to smash the British transfer record by signing the 25-year-old England and Birmingham striker for £1,150,000.

Many still feel the shock waves of the most sensational transfer coup in Football League history. It prompted one journalist to proffer the extravagant statement that Francis is worth more than gold. He suggested that if the striker who graduated to stardom from humble beginnings in a Plymouth under-11 side weighs 11 stone 7 pounds in his Forest socks, he is worth £446.62 per ounce. And that's more than three times the price of gold, at £121.84 an ounce, on London's Bullion Market.

Some managers are openly critical of the terms of the transfer in which Forest are prepared to allow Francis to serve two masters by playing in the North American Soccer League.

Others doubt Clough's wisdom in committing Forest to such a hefty financial burden. But most admire the Forest chief's courage

guided in allowing him to play for Detroit Express.

"If you look upon Francis as a second-hand car deal, you would have some misgivings about buying a vehicle that had done an awful lot of miles over eight years," Paisley explains.

"I certainly wouldn't spend £1 million on a player, or if I did, then I would take him on a ten-year contract, no less, and would not let him go to the States.

"The fact that Francis has had three operations in his career so far is probably a reflection on the sort of punishment a player has to take up front.

"Remember he was playing top-class football at 16. A player at 29 who came into the game at 22 or 23 won't have done the same mileage.

"I'm not saying he isn't worth it. Everything is relative to a situation. He's a good player, and if Forest have a few seasons of success, he'll be paid for."

The Liverpool manager believes Forest are unwise to allow Francis to play in the States.

"There is no way he would do that if he came to Liverpool. I am only prepared to let players go to the States if it will benefit them and the club. Ian Callaghan and Tommy Smith were allowed to go after they had done their stint for us.



LIAM BRADY

should be on view."

Terry Venables questioned Brian Clough's principles in agreeing to the Forest-Detroit link.

"How can a manager ridicule Birmingham one moment for allowing their best player to cross the Atlantic, and then agree to a compromise himself? I question Brian Clough on that one.

"If Francis is worth £1 million, Kevin Keegan is worth more. Kenny Dalglish is worth more. Liam Brady is worth more — but none of them is worth £1 million in my opinion," says the Crystal Palace manager.

"The transfer market is a vicious circle. Clubs spend bigger sums and want better players. Where will it end?

"A few months ago Mike Flanagan, Charlton's striker, would have gone for about £300,000. Now his price has shot up to the £600,000 mark.

"This transfer widens the gulf between the elite clubs and the rest. I don't think it's good for the game. And to sign a player and then let him play in the States for part of the season is not fair to supporters."

John Barnwell, Wolverhampton Wanderers' manager, believes the transfer market has gone berserk, but claims that Francis's transfer to Forest for £1 million is no more ridiculous than the £300,000 price

If Trevor Francis is worth £1 million, how much would England's Kevin Keegan, Scottish international striker Kenny Dalglish and the Republic of Ireland's midfield genius Liam Brady fetch in the transfer market?

WORTH A

and hope he will recoup his outlay.

But Bob Paisley, one of the shrewdest managers in the game, is convinced that however much Francis is worth, his own Liverpool striker Kenny Dalglish is worth more.

He attacks the Forest-Birmingham transaction on two fronts, claiming that the battering Francis has taken at the sharp end of Birmingham's attack over eight years has taken its toll on his physique, and that Forest are mis-

"I am convinced that a successful club cannot afford to release a player. If you are successful you are always in competition, both at home and in Europe. There is no spare-time for anyone — and when the summer comes your players need a well-earned rest."

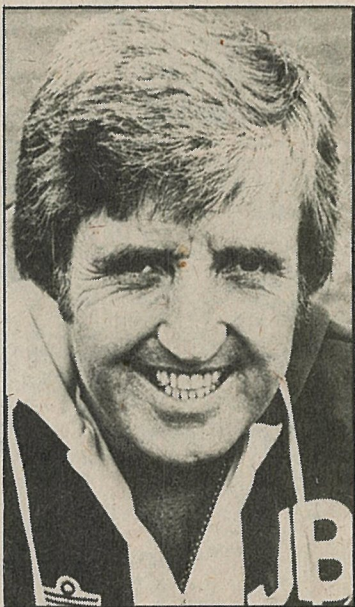
Paisley reckons a club is cheating its supporters if the best players are not always available.

"When you spend that sort of money, prices are bound to rise at the turnstiles — and your stars

Brian Clough (right) with Trevor Francis (left) and Peter Taylor



Liverpool boss Bob Paisley



Norwich's John Bond

tag that has been pinned on Cambridge United's promising, but unproven, striker Alan Biley.

"It's all to do with supply and demand. We always felt a player would go for £500,000 one day. He did. Now we have leapt from that figure to £1 million. Too many clubs are chasing too few players.

"It would not be on for Wolves to spend £1 million, and five years ago it would not have been feasible for Forest to spend that sum. If they can truly afford it, good luck to them.

"Is Peter Shilton worth £1 million? If he had not been in Forest's side, they would not be in the League Cup Final. Forest are not scoring goals, but if he saves them goals, he is worth every penny."

Barnwell would like a "freeze" imposed on transfers.

"That way clubs would become stronger financially. I would place a greater emphasis on good management and coaching."

The Wolves boss explained that he hopes to institute a coaching



KEVIN KEEGAN

the England striker.

"The most difficult job in the game is breaking down disciplined defences to score goals. And that's a job Francis is good at."

Malcolm Allison, Manchester City's coach, says: "Trevor's very quick and a fabulous finisher. And you can go a long way with attributes like that.

"A fellow would need four legs before I'd consider paying that sort of money for him. He'd have to be another Keegan — without doubt the most valuable player in the world.

"Only time will tell whether Francis achieves that status. But he must have a great chance."

Trevor Francis's debut for Forest was in danger of becoming an anticlimax when the Big Freeze intervened to lengthen the period between his transfer and his first official appearance in a red shirt.

Brian Clough surprised everyone by giving Francis a run-out in Forest's "A" team 24 hours after the deal went through.

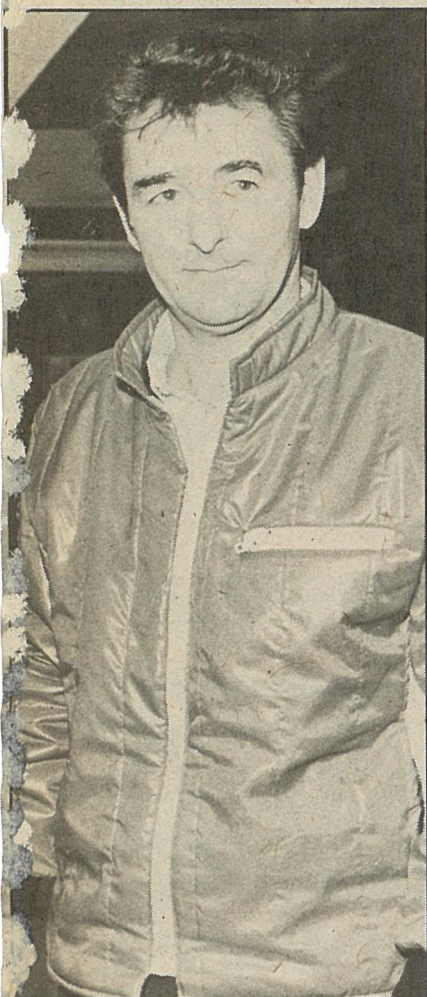
He was in action again for Forest within a week, this time appearing as a late substitute at Exeter in a testimonial.

The unpredictable Brian Clough was away on another of his winter holidays in Spain, leaving Peter Taylor, his able assistant, in charge of the team as Britain's first million pound player sat beside him on the



KENNY DALGLISH

MISSION—PLUS?



system at Molineux that he adopted when he managed Peterborough.

The Third Division club and senior players were encouraged to liaise closely with schools and youth organisations in the town.

"We tried to involve the club with the community and that's what I want to do at Wolves," he says. "It's wise to recruit locally if you can. A lot cheaper certainly."

Norwich boss John Bond reckons Keegan is worth more than Francis but believes Francis has the ability to become as good as

bench.

Taylor explained to an incredulous Press that that was the strength of a two-man management team. If one was away, the other could handle affairs satisfactorily.

Observers were clearly under the impression that this was Clough's way of taking the steam out of an incredible transfer deal, and by relegating Francis to the obscurity of the substitute's bench, was helping his young striker to overcome the heady atmosphere surrounding a record

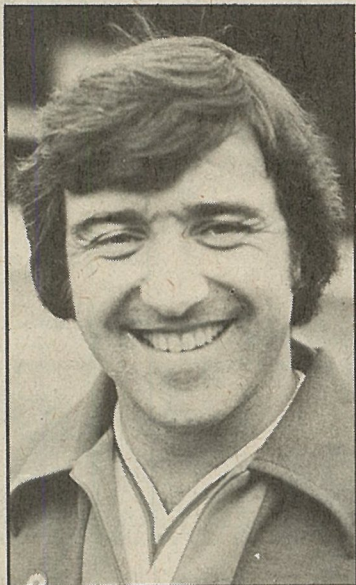
transfer.

Francis was next in action for Nottingham Forest against West Bromwich Albion — at little Witney Town.

He swelled the crowd in a testimonial match for Witney's Trevor Stokes.

So, the football world was kept waiting for the first official appearance of the most expensive signing in British football history.

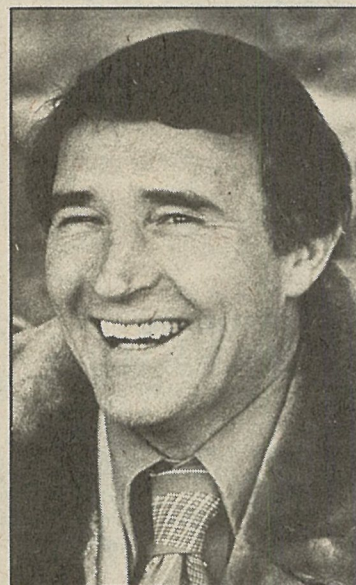
In the meantime, what price Keegan, Dalglish and Brady? The sky, it seems, is the limit for this trio!



Crystal Palace's Terry Venables



Wolves' John Barnwell



Manchester City coach Malcolm Allison



AS the worst winter for 16 years slowly but surely turns into spring, let us hope nobody in football forgets what has happened over the past three months. Or rather, what *hasn't* happened. Over 300 games have been postponed and soccer in England and Scotland has been thrown into utter confusion by the frozen pitches.

It's affected everyone in the game, from the administrators, managers, players to the people

sympathy for the travelling supporter.

He says: "If the Football League made a ruling that a firm decision regarding a match had to be made by, say, nine o'clock in the morning I'd be delighted. I would accept this, just as I have to accept how things are at present.

"A referee never inspects a pitch unless asked to do so by the club. It is entirely up to the club to ask me for an early inspection if they feel it is necessary.

"My first question is always: 'how bad is the pitch?' If it is very bad, and a postponement on the

of thought these past few weeks and I've come to the conclusion that me running around in a track-suit isn't really a good way to assess the surface.

"I know when I'm going to twist or turn, and I slow don't accordingly, so never fall over. I decided that a better method is for the club's apprentices to play a mini-game, pressurising me and each other. If we start falling about, then the match is off.

"I like to think this way is more acceptable to the managers and players than just me running up and down the field."

'Give the fans a better deal'

says Clive Thomas who explains the considerations when postponing a match

who are often most inconvenienced of all . . . the supporters.

How many pounds have been wasted on journeys that have ended with fans being told their game is off? Nothing is more frustrating than to travel to a game, often hundreds of miles, unnecessarily.

Can this situation be avoided? Have British fans had a raw deal this winter?

The man who decides whether or not a match goes ahead is the referee. He, alone, is responsible for postponing a game and Clive Thomas, one of our best and most experienced officials, has every

cards, I'll try and make a decision on Friday to prevent the teams travelling.

"If I, as the match referee, am not available, the club would then contact the League and they would arrange for a local ref to take a look at the playing surface.

"I always try to take into consideration the fans. If I have to make a Saturday morning inspection I'll find out when the supporters' trains are due to leave and hope to make a firm decision before that time.

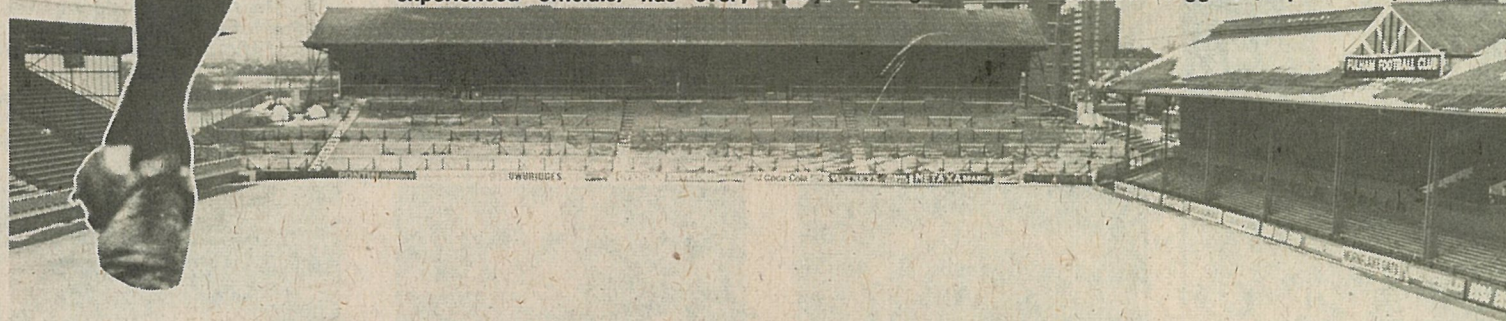
"My priority is whether the pitch is potentially dangerous for the players. I've given this matter a lot

Thomas was involved in a semi-comical incident at one such "trial".

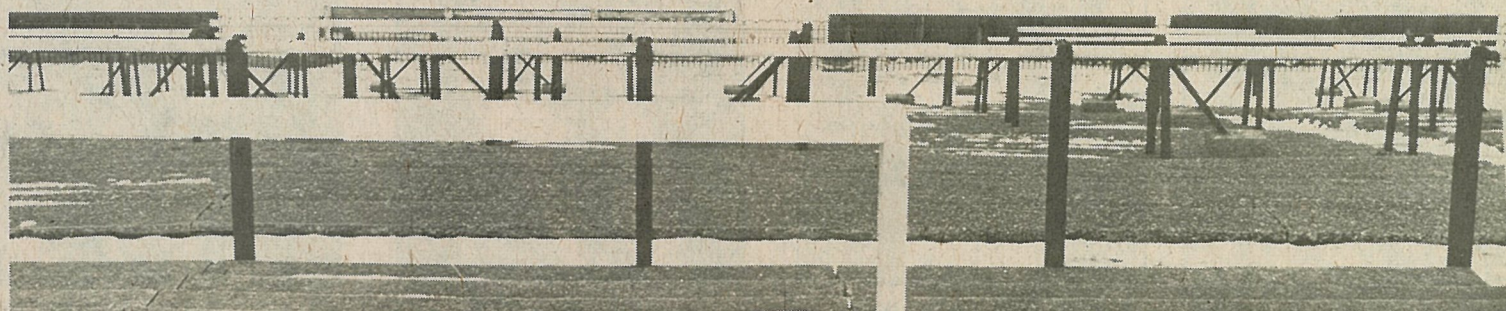
"One of the youngsters went over the top and caught me a whack on the shin. I'd have sent him off had it been a proper game. It wouldn't have looked very good for me to have given the go-ahead, but been unable to officiate because I was injured!"

A problem for referees is that the weather can change very quickly.

"I remember a few years ago I was asked to make a 7.30 a.m. inspection for Cardiff v Blackpool. The Ninian Park pitch was waterlogged, play was impossible. At



A snow-covered Craven Cottage, home of Fulham, whose F.A. Cup-tie with Manchester United was called off after United fans had travelled down.





The sight no fans want to see — but a sight that has been too familiar this season.

7.35 I postponed the match.

"I had to stay in Cardiff that afternoon for business and returned to the ground just after noon. The sun had come out and a wind had appeared, making the pitch almost perfect.

'Important People'

"That has worried me ever since. Although my decision was the correct one at the time, it turned out to be the wrong one because the game could have gone ahead."

Thomas, a promotions executive for the OCS Group of companies, has never had pressure on him to say "yes" to a match being played.

"I was asked by Southampton to make a 9 a.m. inspection before their League Cup Semi-Final against Leeds United. I arrived at The Dell and the pitch as okay. At 9.07 I gave the all-clear. At 9.10 Lawrie McMenemy and Jimmy Adamson arrived. Lawrie told me that it was pointless him arriving sooner as there was no way he could have influenced me. And he was right.

"The idea of having the two managers looking at the pitch with the referee is all wrong. Invariably one of the two would prefer the game to be called off. Maybe his star player is injured or another key man is suspended. Naturally, he'd prefer a postponement so he can play the game later, hopefully with his strongest side."

When Thomas arrives at a stadium, the first person he asks for is the groundsmen.

"He's the professional. He knows his pitch and can tell me just about everything I want to know... where the sun would reach or how good the drainage is. Perhaps one section of the grass is permanently in the shade; in this case, if it is frosty I'll know it won't thaw, so the match would have to be postponed.

"The groundsmen is very much more than the chap who marks the pitch. They are very important people indeed."

Thomas, like just about everyone, is amazed that while clubs are happy to pay ridiculous fees for players, only a handful bother to look after their pitches.

"The groundsmen at Leicester told me just two other clubs had asked him about their hot air balloon. Two! That amazed me, especially as that method of protecting a pitch from bad weather is so cheap and simple.

"We've made tremendous strides in modernising our stadiums, yet only a few clubs have any sort of pitch protection. Many clubs must be struggling financially without regular income through the turnstiles. I can't for the life of me understand why the First and Second Division clubs haven't done more to safeguard their playing surfaces."

Thomas is against the idea of a mid-winter break.

"I don't think the fans want it. They don't mind standing in the cold, as long as the game is going on. It's all part of the tradition of our soccer. Maybe we'd see better football in the summer, but we have other things to do in the summer, don't we?"

The quality of the game is something Thomas can never take into consideration.

'Best Organised'

"It's not for me to pre-judge how the match will go. If the game is a lottery then it probably shouldn't have been played in the first place. Anyway, I've seen some pretty awful games on perfect surfaces!"

Thomas, who has had more than his share of brushes with authority, praises the League for its efforts during the chaos.

"I'm not what you could call an establishment man, but give credit where it's due; our League must be the best-organised in the world. Despite the amount of postponements things have still run smoothly up at Lytham St. Annes. There is a heck of a lot of work involved in rearranging fixtures, but the League do a magnificent job."

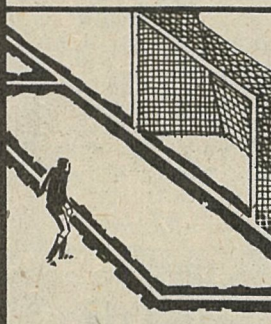
He ends: "More than anything, I hope the winter of '79 isn't forgotten once it's finally over. We mustn't think next winter will be a mild one. Everyone in the game must do far more to ensure the spectators are given a better deal."



YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

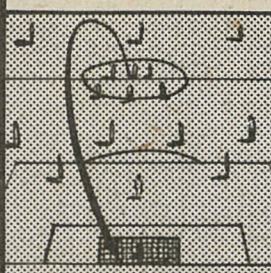
1 If a ground is covered with snow, but the lines are cleared by the groundsmen, should you play the match?



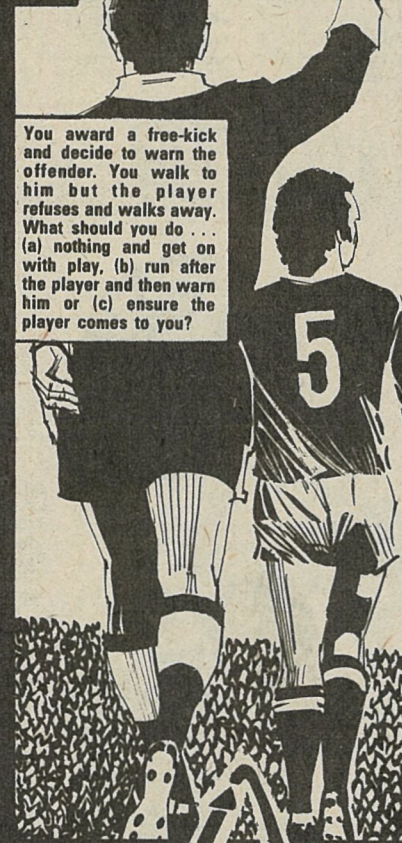
3 A goalkeeper in his own goal-area, obstructs an opponent to prevent him reaching the ball. The opponent charges the keeper fairly. Should you award... (a) a free-kick against the attacker or (b) play on?



4 From a kick-off the centre-forward kicks the ball directly into the opposing goal, should you award... (a) a goal or (b) goal-kick?



2 You award a free-kick and decide to warn the offender. You walk to him but the player refuses and walks away. What should you do... (a) nothing and get on with play, (b) run after the player and then warn him or (c) ensure the player comes to you?



5 A player taking a throw-in, throws the ball correctly but with both feet off the ground. The ball goes straight into his opponents' goal, should you award... (a) a goal or (b) throw to opponents?



ANSWERS

1. No. These last few weeks, referee's decisions on inspection of grounds have been so important and there is a lot of pressure put on referees with the TV media and supporters. The referee's first job is to ensure the ground is safe to the players. I suggest referee can say if it is not dangerous or too bad to play on. 2. Ensure the player comes to you (c). Referees run after players too often. To me it shows complete disrespect for authority. I remember refereeing Holland and Czechoslovakia in the European Championship Finals in Yugoslavia and one of the players from Holland, after being cautioned, walked away from me in the centre of the field and refused to accept I had given him the yellow card. I asked him twice to come to me, he refused, I then showed him the red card. 3. Play on (b). 4. Goal-kick (b). 5. Throw to opponents (b).

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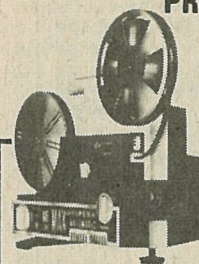
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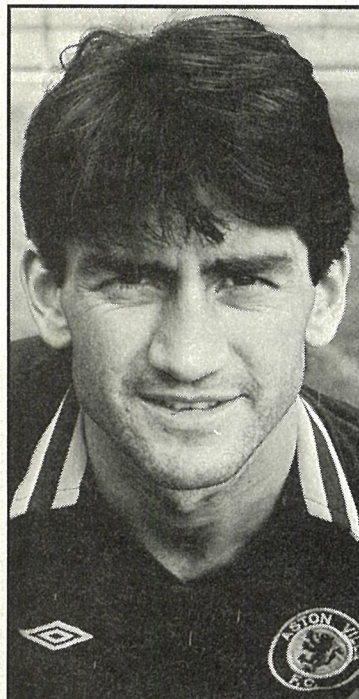
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DENNIS MORTIMER
(Aston Villa)

'This game is more than a local derby'

MORTIMER: This game is more than being a local "derby" — we need the points to help us in our bid to get into Europe, and Birmingham are in a situation where every point is vital if they are to escape relegation.

GALLAGHER: I agree, Dennis, we both need a win for different reasons. But the prospect of relegation for Birmingham fans will be forgotten for this match. To them, the important thing is simply to beat Villa.

MORTIMER: Our supporters could do with a boost because we've been doing badly at home, and by beating Birmingham we could make up for some of our past displays at Villa Park. We did manage a win in the last meeting between us, at St. Andrews, though I must admit that this was our only victory in seven matches against you.

GALLAGHER: I reckon we are something of a "jinx" team to Villa, and I hope we are on this occasion. But all our matches against you are hard, with probably a single goal in it, which was the case last time and could be again unless something unexpected happens.

MORTIMER: I think one of the reasons for our games with you being low-scoring affairs, Joe, is that players on both sides are inclined to be more cautious because of the "derby" atmosphere. But speaking of the unexpected, we had enough chances to score five or six goals against you

BIG MATCH

CROSSTALK

between Aston Villa midfielder Dennis Mortimer and Birmingham City defender Joe Gallagher.

ASTON VILLA v. BIRMINGHAM CITY

Saturday, March 3rd, 1979



ABOVE . . . Birmingham's Tarantini (left) fails to connect when harried by Jimmy Rimmer of Villa this season.
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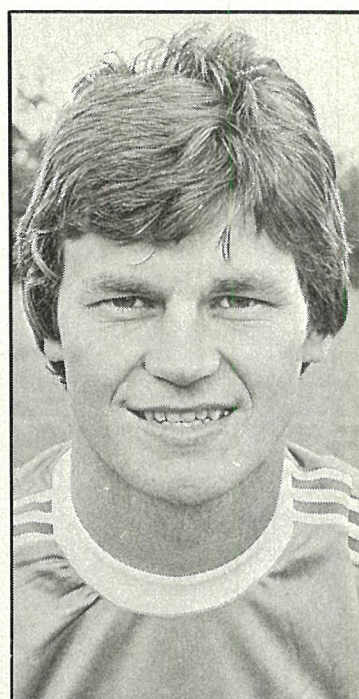


in a match last season — we don't usually get that many opportunities, and as it happened we missed them and lost 1-0.

GALLAGHER: We'll be out to see that these chances don't crop up in this game, and if Andy Gray is playing, we'll need to be doubly careful. I'm not sure at this point whether or not Andy will be recovered from his cartilage operation and fit enough to turn out, but I hope he is — I enjoy playing

against him. Andy is aggressive, a fighter, and keeps coming at you. If I were a manager, he would always be in my team.

MORTIMER: Trevor Francis's transfer to Nottingham Forest might not be as damaging to Birmingham as people anticipate. Oddly enough, it may be better for Birmingham, as it must have been unsettling for the team when there was so much talk about him leaving.



JOE GALLAGHER
(Birmingham City)

'We owe our fans a victory'

GALLAGHER: I know what you mean, and it is a fact that the Birmingham fans have been divided as to whether the side would be improved without him. I recall that after Trevor had played in 84 successive League and Cup matches, he went to the States and later was injured. We played without him, and the reaction of some supporters was that the team functioned better. Still, we will miss him in the line-up against you.

MORTIMER: Don Givens is one of your players who has proved himself a headache to us before. I think that it all depends on where he is selected to play — if he is up-front, we can be prepared for a busy afternoon. He is very dangerous and not easy to mark.

GALLAGHER: Don has shown he can be a great target man for us when he was used in the attack, and I'm happy when he is playing there. Our fans will also be delighted if we can get a favourable result, and they certainly deserve one — we owe them a victory after the way they have stuck by us.

MORTIMER: In these "derbies," both lots of supporters attach tremendous importance to the final result, and I would like this game to be good enough to give them plenty to talk about when it is all over. Yet, while the two teams will be going all out for a win, honour will probably be satisfied at both clubs if we are level at the end of 90 minutes. That is the way it is when local rivalry is strong.



JOHN DUNCAN

Derby County



SHOOT!



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DUXBURY**



**MARTIN
ROGERS**

'Lads likely to go to the top'

THE future of football is in danger! Why? Because there's a shortage of top class youngsters breaking through into the big time.

More and more clubs are buying ready-made stars instead of developing their own. I'd say 75 per cent of players come from clubs other than the ones they first joined. Very rarely will a manager gamble on youth to get his team out of trouble.

More often than not he can't afford to take chances. Clubs and fans demand instant success. That's why players like me are transferred for vast sums.

Clubs still sign lads in their hundreds, of course, but few go on to make the grade.

Managers, or chief-scouts, should be more selective, but are obviously afraid of losing a good-looking prospect to a rival.

Some lads are probably discarded too soon and lose heart. Instead of trying their luck with another club they take up a new career out of the game.

A few drift into the lower Leagues and are then discovered later. Players such as Garry Birtles and Alan Devonshire. Why the lack of talent? Too few coaches in the Dave Sexton, Syd Owen, Terry Venables class... men with the necessary credentials to bring out the best in youngsters.

Crystal Palace are one club who believe in producing home-grown players. I understand Terry Venables recently fielded a team containing ten home produced lads.

Manchester United also have a thriving youth policy. Our back-room staff, headed by Dave Sexton, have worked tirelessly to ensure there's a constant supply of bright

new Reds on the way up.

The Boss also makes it a rule that all our youngsters attend college to learn another trade or profession in case they don't meet the required standard.

Helping the Boss at The Cliff training ground — a little town in itself — are Jimmy Cavanagh, reserve coaches Jack Crompton and Jimmy Curran, Harry Gregg, who looks after the goalkeepers, chief-scout Joe Brown, the former Burnley manager and Syd Owen.

Joe spots the kids, invites them and their parents to Old Trafford and generally looks after their welfare at the start.

His value to United was proved recently when seven of the lads he brought to the club were signed as full-time professionals.

Syd Owen, who was at Leeds in a coaching capacity when I was at Elland Road, is responsible for developing our lads and bringing them through the ranks.

There are few other clubs in the country with such an experienced coaching team behind the team.

I must mention another vital member of The Cliff staff — our kitman Billy Watts.

He's such a United nutter, I believe Billy would do the job for nothing. The players tend to treat him as a general dogsbody, but he loves just being around the place. Bill's a real character... we all look forward to seeing him.

One of his favourite players is young goalkeeper Gary Bailey, who is maturing fast and gaining experience.

I doubt he would have made his big breakthrough so quickly if he'd have been with another club. It's amazing how he got his chance.

my soccer world
**GORDON
MCQUEEN**

Alex Stepney was injured... Paddy Roche had failed to maintain his earlier form... and the club "signed" Jim Blyth from Coventry.

One minute we were shaking Jim's hand, welcoming him to Old Trafford, the next he was on his way back to Highfield Road. The deal had been dramatically called off because he had failed a medical.

Dave Sexton decided to take a massive gamble and played young Gary against Ipswich.

A brilliant debut followed by a string of memorable saves justified the boss's faith and his decision to play him.

Harry Gregg was the man mainly responsible for Gary's progress, giving him a crash-course on First Division goalkeeping.

Such was Gary's progress that after just nine first team games he was selected for England's Under-21 team by Dave Sexton, who is also in charge of that side.

Gary deserved his rapid promotion. He's terrific at cross-balls and has tremendous confidence.

Another United youngster already on the way to fame is Andy

Ritchie.

As a goalscorer his first team chances seemed limited, but then injuries to Stuart Pearson and Joe Jordan gave Mr. Sexton the ideal opportunity to "blood" him.

Mind you, I believe he must have been on the verge of a breakthrough after scoring 30-40 goals a season in the reserves.

Andy has been a revelation, proving more than just a stop-gap for Stuart and Joe. He hasn't got tremendous pace but makes up for it with terrific control and a powerful shot.

I was speaking about Andy to former United stars Paddy Crerand and Willie Morgan after our 1-0 F.A. Cup Fourth Round replay victory over Fulham at Old Trafford and they both agreed he was destined to go right to the top.

Gary and Andy are becoming First Division stars after serving their apprenticeship in the Old Trafford talent "factory".

Other United youngsters likely to burst on to the scene in the not-too-distant future include Stephen Pears, Mike Duxbury, Martin Rogers and Kevin Moran.

Stephen, our youth team goalkeeper, recruited from Durham last summer, is one of the magnificent seven recently signed on as full-pros.

Harry Gregg tells me this lad has all the qualities to challenge Gary Bailey for the number one spot eventually.

Mike Duxbury is a wing-half in

the Martin Buchan mould. A regular in the reserves, he is cool under pressure, neat and tidy with no frills.

He's a compact defender with a sharp soccer-brain. I certainly wouldn't think twice about playing him in the first team.

Or Martin Rogers, a "second" Kevin Keegan.

Martin is so versatile he can play upfront, in midfield or at full back. Busy, quick and a menace in attack, I really fancy this lad to do well for the club.

Kevin Moran has had terrible trouble with injury since playing for Kerry in the All-Ireland Gaelic Football Final in front of 70,000 people.

Kevin, a rock-hard defender, is a hero over in Ireland. A real superstar.

When I was first in Limerick recently, attending a Manchester United Supporters' Club Dinner, everyone wanted to talk about Kevin.

One day he'll be as well-known in England for his footballing ability as he is in Ireland for his prowess at that other ball game.

These, then, are just a few of the likely lads growing up at Manchester United.

Outside Old Trafford, the two youngsters to impress me the most this season are Nottingham Forest striker Garry Birtles — my choice as the P.F.A.'s Young Player of the Year — and Ipswich Town defender Russell Osman.

This Saturday (March 3rd), though, United should come up against a couple of veterans still playing with the enthusiasm of 20 year-olds. I'm talking about Bristol City's Norman Hunter and Terry Cooper, both ex-team mates of mine at Leeds.

For me Norman is the best defender who ever lived. It was a privilege playing alongside him at Elland Road.

Leeds made a big mistake letting him go when they did. It was partly Norman's fault. He thought he was past his best ... too old. How wrong he was.

Former England full-back Terry Cooper was very quick off the mark, but oh that left-peg of his. It's so special he could open tins with it.

Naturally I'm looking forward to seeing both on Saturday ... but not playing against them.

Bristol City beat United 3-1 at Old Trafford earlier in the season and thoroughly deserved their victory. Honestly, we were shocking.

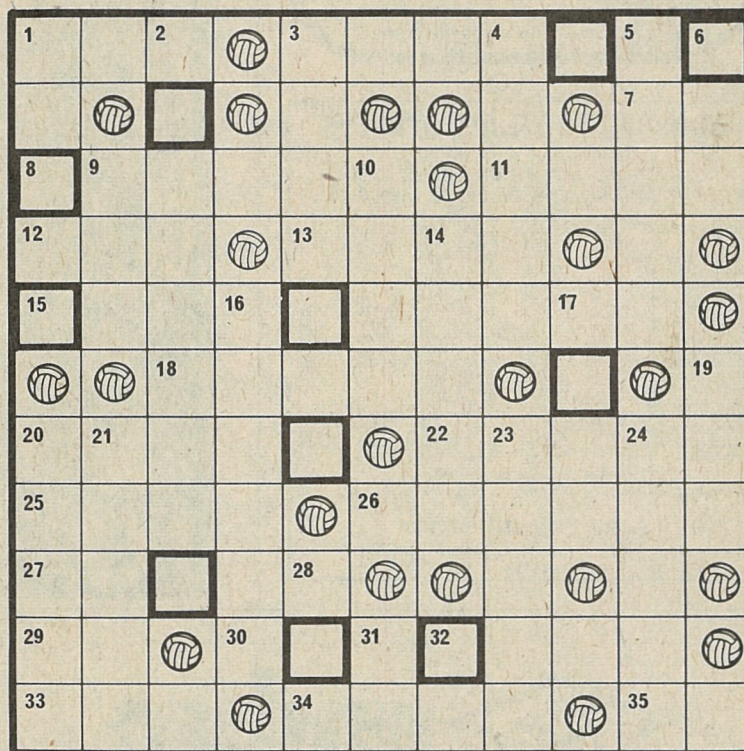
But things have picked up for us lately ... and I don't recall ever being on the losing side at Ashton Gate.

Bye for now ...

Eric Mearns

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Derby County defender. Answers on page 42.

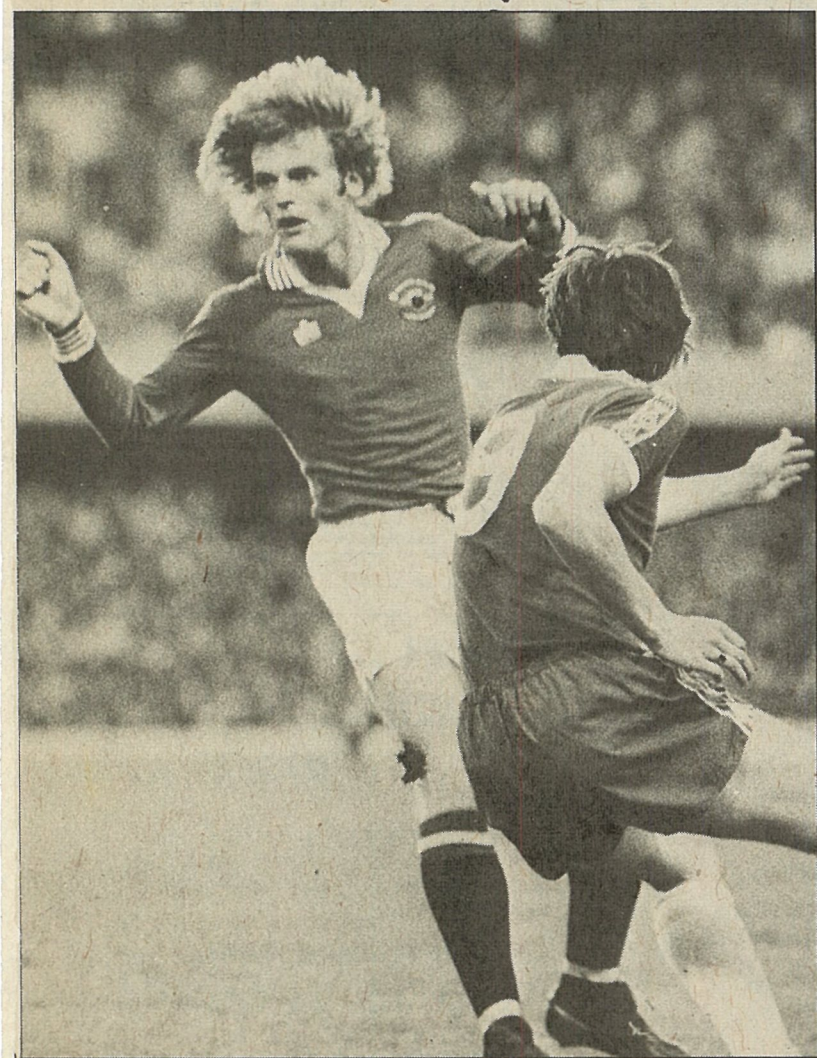


ACROSS:—

- (1) — Bartram former famous Charlton goalkeeper.
- (3) — Park, home of Bolton Wanderers.
- (7) B-u-dary Park (Oldham). The missing letters reversed.
- (8) Wilful or ignorant person who destroys things.
- (11) — Trautmann, "Footballer of the Year", 1955/56.
- (12) B--h-ad Park (Dumbarton). The omissions in reverse.
- (13) Laim, but reorganised in the post!
- (15) Wolverhampton Wanderers striker. (6 & 4).
- (18) B-ackb--n -ov-rs. Drawing aid from the missing letters.
- (20) E--an- -- (Leeds United). "Amusing" from the omission.
- (22) A small weight from where the ball bounced!
- (25) — Madrid last won the European Cup in 1965/66.
- (26) Person having special skills or knowledge of the game.
- (27) -----shot play at Recreation Ground.
- (29) Derek --rkin of Wolves.
- (30) 1977-78 Scottish League Champions.
- (33) F---noord; Dutch League club.
- (34) Turf —, ground of Burnley.
- (35) --merton Park, Newport County.

DOWN:—

- (1) Number of times Aston Villa have won the F.A. Cup.
- (2) — Ground, Oxford United. (5 & 4).
- (3 & 10) Home of The Blades.
- (4) Peter —, Burnley midfielder player.
- (5) Sign on — as a member of the club, for instance.
- (6) Kevin Ar---t of Sunderland.
- (9) B-n---r. What completes the Irish League club?
- (10) See 3 Down.
- (14) — Stadium; home of Glasgow Rangers.
- (16) Gerd —, European Footballer of the Year, 1970.
- (17) Dunferm--- Athletic.
- (19) Aircraft which the team might use to travel abroad.
- (20) H-m---n Pa-k, Glasgow. Cover from the missing letters.
- (21) Broadcast through speakers around the ground, for instance.
- (23) Higher in place.
- (24) David —, West Ham striker.
- (28) Alan ---age of Middlesbrough.
- (31) Sa-t-s. What completes the Brazilian team?
- (32) --rdon Lee, manager of Everton.



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BAHRAIN	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Mens	Large
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LEEDS Away	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Mens	Large
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'You must keep working at Wrexham'

says recent signing

STEVE FOX

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Er... a happier at Wrexham and he's really enjoying my football." Fox, a 21-year-old winger and forward player, expressed these sentiments after his £95,000 transfer from Birmingham City.

"I feel I'm playing far better than I ever did when I was at the Blues," adds Steve. "It's probably because it's new and the change has done me good."

"Wrexham had been chasing me for a long time and I think Blues boss, Jim Smith, wanted the money more than anything. I don't think he really wanted to part with me, but when the Welsh club stepped up their original offer of £60,000, then he was happy to release me. He told me it would be best for me and the club. He also said it would benefit my career by leaving my home town of Tamworth."

"They do say people who were born in the area don't do too well, they need to get away. You don't find many people who are local making the grade. They find it difficult to get into the swing of things and I think that's what happened to me."

'Room-mates'

"Wrexham is a very good club and they really do their utmost to help you. The players all get on with each other. I've settled in great and that's probably due to another new signing, David Giles. We were room-mates together and it helped us both. If I'd been on my own, then it might not have been so easy."

Steve arrived at Birmingham as a 16-year-old from Southern League club Tamworth. "Birmingham, Derby and Coventry were interested in me at the time," he says. "I made my League debut when I was 18, against Derby, in a 0-0 draw. It was the same day as 'keeper, Jim Montgomery."

"My first game for Wrexham was on Boxing Day. We lost 2-1 to Preston. It was a terrible opener. I didn't play at all well and neither did the team. But we quickly made amends when we thrashed Stockport 6-2 in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup and held mighty Spurs to a 3-3 draw at White Hart Lane in the next round."

"Manager Arfon Griffiths said he wanted me to play in midfield breaking wide, but it all depends on the injury situation. One week he might



play me in midfield, the next on the wing. I'm happy in both positions. I don't score many goals. I'm a provider rather than a goalscorer."

"How do I find Arfon Griffiths? Hard and fair. All the players respect him. He'll have a laugh and a joke, but he won't stand for any nonsense. Jim Smith is hard and fair also. It's just he's had more than his share of bad luck. To me both managers share a similar personality."

"There are some good players at Wrexham, but for skill Bobby Shinton is the one who has impressed me most. David Giles is a worker and he gets stuck in. There's Joey Jones, who, since his move from Liverpool, has regained his appetite for the game. And to score the goals we've got Dixie McNeil. In all, it's a good team and in the next couple of years I think we'll be in the First Division."

"I want to do really well for my new club. I just hope I can keep a regular first team spot and go into the top flight with them. The competition for places is tremendous. The injuries have all cleared up. Everybody's fit and there's a pool of at least 16 players for the manager to call on. If you struggle then you could be out, so you've got to keep working hard."

"The new signings might, just might, be allowed a bad game once in a while, but for anybody who's been here a long time, then they've really got to turn it on."

Wrexham have been threatening to break into the big-time for several seasons. They have even enlisted the guidance of Bill Shankly, the former Liverpool manager, in their quest for fame. Steve Fox could soon be sharing some well-earned limelight.

'Boro too good to be in trouble'

says MICKY BURNS

WHEN Middlesbrough bought Micky Burns from Cardiff City for £70,000 last October, the ex-Newcastle United player celebrated his return to the North-East by scoring five goals in his first seven appearances for the Teesiders. And in spite of some disappointing displays by the Ayresome Park club since then, he has never regretted his move.

Leaving Newcastle for Cardiff last close season, Micky spent only a few months with the Second Division club as player-coach before he was snapped-up by John Neal for a fee, which the Middlesbrough boss describes as a giveaway. Burns himself needed no great persuasion to leave South Wales.

He says: "It was an experience that taught me a lot, though it was unfortunate the way things worked out. Given the choice, I would do exactly the same again."

"Going to Middlesbrough wasn't like moving to a strange club. During my four years with Newcastle I became acquainted enough with Boro to realise they were a sound side, and hard to beat. They still have the potential to move up the table."

"They are certainly too good to be faced with a relegation struggle, and a bad start to the season in their first seven or eight games was a set-back from which Middlesbrough are still trying to recover."

In Middlesbrough's fight to improve their League position, Burns plays up-front in contrast to the midfield berth he occupied in his spell with Newcastle.

He says: "I have no preference for midfield or the forward-line, both positions suit me, and I like scoring goals. I've always enjoyed attacking, and I did this at Newcastle, where my midfield role was never defensive."

"If I can help Middlesbrough by scoring goals, I'm satisfied. In

defence, I've always considered this club has been among the best in the First Division since being promoted — John Craggs, Stuart Boam and Willie Maddren are all great back-four men, and it's tragic that injury is likely to cut short Willie's career. He will be sadly missed if he leaves Ayresome."

The 31-year-old Burns, strong-minded and never afraid to express his opinions, was convinced his earlier transfer to Newcastle from Blackpool was a mistake.

Previously, he had qualified as a schoolteacher, and played as an amateur for Skelmersdale before Blackpool persuaded him to turn professional at what was a late stage in his career.

Then after his move from Bloomfield Road to Tyneside, Micky was involved in a dispute with Newcastle. Joe Harvey, manager of United at the time, said Burns wouldn't appear in the first team again.

Top scorer

But Gordon Lee arrived at St. James' Park, and Burns showed outstanding form for Lee and the succeeding boss, Richard Dinnis, becoming top scorer. Later, Dinnis was sacked, Bill McGarry took over, and Burns elected to join Cardiff to play and coach.

A player who keeps in top physical condition, Burns will find extra responsibility placed on his shoulders following the departure of David Mills to West Bromwich Albion. And he is not the type to shirk a challenge.

"I'm ambitious enough to think I've something to offer, and have played my football in the top flight and scored a few goals. Terry Cochrane, who came here about the same time as myself, will also play his part in what is a team effort at Ayresome to take the club out of trouble."



Champs find the going tough



Willy van der Kuylen of PSV.

WORLDWIDE

COMPILED BY CHRIS DAVIES

ONLY five of last year's Champions topped their respective Leagues at the halfway mark this season. The table here shows how the 1977/78 Champions of various European Leagues are faring this time round and their League positions reflect it's easier to get to the top rather than stay there.

The table shows the "winter" position of last season's Champions and the new leaders, with details to date.

COUNTRY	CHAMPIONS	Pos. dropped	"WINTER" LEADERS	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A
ALBANIA	Vllaznia	-7	Besa	19	13	8	3	2	25	11
AUSTRIA	Austria Vienna	-	Austria Vienna	27	18	13	1	4	45	22
BELGIUM	Bruges	-5	Beveren	25	17	10	5	2	31	11
BULGARIA	Lokomotiv S	-4	CSKA Sofia	22	15	8	6	1	21	11
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	Zbrojovka	-4	Slavia Prague	23	15	11	1	3	41	11
REP. IRELAND	Bohemians	-	Bohemians	22	15	9	4	2	22	18
FRANCE	Monaco	-2	Strasbourg	28	19	10	8	1	35	14
D.D.R.	Din. Dresden	-6	Dinamo Berlin	25	13	12	1	0	33	9
W. GERMANY	Cologne	-10	Kaiserslautern	26	17	10	6	1	36	20
ENGLAND	Nottingham F.	-6	Liverpool	33	21	15	3	3	47	9
N. IRELAND	Linfield	-	Linfield	17	11	8	1	2	22	11
ITALY	Juventus	-8	Milan	25	15	11	3	1	28	8
YUGOSLAVIA	Partizan	-7	Dinamo Zagreb	24	17	9	6	2	37	22
LUXEMBOURG	Niedercorn	-1	U.S. Luxembourg	17	11	8	1	2	39	10
HOLLAND	PSV Eindhoven	-3	Ajax	26	17	12	2	3	46	16
			Roda	26	17	10	6	1	31	11
POLAND	Wisla	-10	Odra Opole	22	15	10	2	3	29	13
PORTUGAL	Porto	-	Porto	23	15	9	5	1	28	11
RUMANIA	Steaua Buc.	-1	Arges Pitesti	21	17	10	1	6	25	17
			Baia Mare	21	17	10	1	6	18	16
SCOTLAND	Rangers	-3	Dundee Utd.	23	18	8	7	3	25	16
SPAIN	Real Madrid	-	Real Madrid	23	17	7	9	1	30	20
			Gijon	23	17	10	3	4	27	17
SWITZERLAND	Grasshoppers	-3	Zurigo	22	16	8	6	2	31	16
			San Gallo	22	16	11	0	5	34	26
TURKEY	Fenerbahce	-1	Trabzonspor	22	15	7	8	0	18	1
HUNGARY	Ujpest	-2	Honved	26	17	11	4	2	43	13

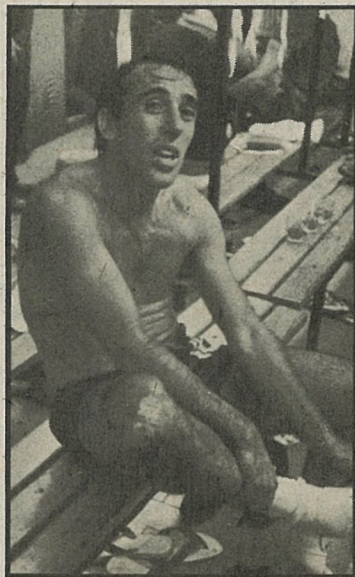
NORDQVIST GOES TO U.S.A.

SWEDISH international skipper Björn Nordqvist of IFK Gothenburg will finish his long and fine career with a couple of seasons in the North American Soccer League. He has signed for Minnesota Kicks and the contract didn't cost their manager Freddie Goodwin more than around £20,000.

Nordqvist, who is 36-years-old, is the world's most capped player with 115 full international appearances since his debut in 1963.

He has skippered Sweden through three successive World Cups — in Mexico, West Germany and Argentina — and has also had a spell with PSV Eindhoven in the early Seventies, together with striker Ralf Edström who will stay with IFK Gothenburg yet another year, despite rumours that have placed him in Holland and in the States.

Barcelona players' vow of silence



BARCELONA'S squad are still refusing point-blank to have anything to do with Press reporters or photographers following some controversial articles which appeared in the Barcelona Press before Christmas.

Club captain Asensi (left) explains: "There was a series of so-called 'interviews' with team members, but the players in question hadn't been interviewed at all. What's more, these articles contained some highly controversial comments alleged to have been made by the players and which, in fact, were pure fiction.

"The worst thing is some of these statements were almost insulting to some members of the squad, and there was even some friction among the players.

"At this stage we decided it was definitely time to draw the line, and the only effective way of stopping these bogus interviews was to refuse to talk to the Press at all. They all went out unsigned, so we have no way of finding out exactly who wrote them.

"I'm really sorry SHOOT has been dragged into a dispute which has nothing to do with you, and I'm sorry we can't comment on our Cup-Winners' Cup tie against Ipswich. I can only apologise and say we daren't make an exception to our 'silence' rule."

FEYENOORD, lying third in Holland with a record of won seven, drawn seven, lost two are having a better season than for some years. Vaclav Jezek, the Czech who led his country to the 1976 European Championship, is in charge of the Rotterdam club on a one year contract, with an option for two more. Feyenoord want Jezek to sign now for the extra two years, but the Czech F.A. gave him permission for only one year, and may want him back.

REMEMBER Jose Torres, the 6ft 3ins centre-forward of Portugal during the 1966 World Cup Finals? He's 40 now, but as player/manager of First Division Estoril has been turning in some impressive displays in midfield. What's more, Torres has just signed a new two-year contract as a player!

SOMETIMES you just can't win. Because the bad weather had wrecked the Dutch League programme, AZ '67 wanted to go to Spain to train properly; the squad went to Amsterdam Airport, waited there for a day... yet the weather was so bad no flights were allowed in or out. So AZ returned to Alkmaar and their frozen training pitch!

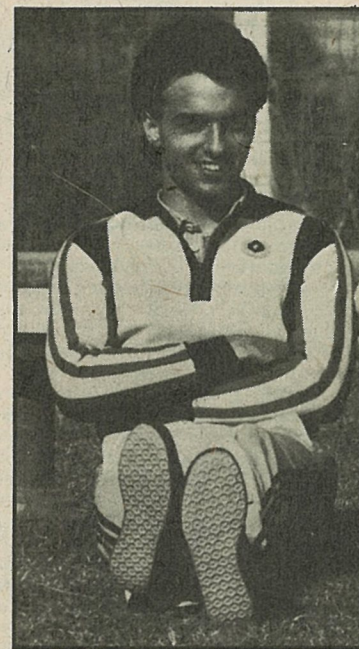
TRANSFERS BANNED

AFTER speculation the government was about to insist on the transfer of some of Peru's World Cup stars to recoup lost cash, the F.A. has quickly drawn first blood by banning the transfer of most of the national team regulars, including Cubillas, Velázquez and Cueto.

TOO POPULAR

"HANDSOME HANSI" Müller (below) of VfB Stuttgart signed a contract with an insurance company to make 70 T.V.-spots of seven seconds each. When the film crew arrived to make the adverts cameramen were forced to stop work after just one advert as there were too many fans there!

They left Hansi to sign all the autographs and returned later in the week — at first light.



Why bother to train?

PAULO César, who didn't succeed in signing a contract with a French or English club — he was linked with Fulham — is still at odds with his present club, Botafogo, and has yet again formally requested to be relieved from training duties.

He argued that he is going to ask for so much money when his contract expires, that Botafogo are not going to keep him, anyway. So, he reasoned, why bother to train?

His wish has been granted and so he is already looking for a new club. But he hasn't been training or playing for such a long time he must be completely out of condition.

At least, out of condition to play football. He manages to keep very slim, owing to the fact he plays a lot of bat and ball on the beaches and dances in discos at night (he is a keen dancer but neither smokes nor drinks).



'Less cigarettes' plea

Players of the Italian national squad have asked manager Enzo Bearzot (above) not to smoke so many cigarettes "Because we need you for a long time." To emphasise their request, captain Dino Zoff presented Bearzot with a pipe... "better for your lungs, better for the national team."

Before the Werder Bremen players went off for their mid-winter break, coach Wolfgang Weber, of 1966 World Cup fame, warned them to watch their weight and stay fit. Weighed before they left, overweight players were fined £50 for each extra kilo they came back with.

The Hungarian F.A. has lifted the one-year suspension on their two World Cup stars Andreas Torocsik and Tibor Nyilasi, sent-off in Argentina.

Italy has got a new 'bomber' in 22-years-old centre-forward Bruno Giordano of Lazio, Rome. In the first 13 League games he scored nine goals, two more than World Cup star Paolo Rossi.

George Ericson, thought to be under pressure after Sweden's relative failure in the World Cup, has had his contract with the national team renewed until the end of 1980. Already 60, it seems he could keep the job for the rest of his working life.

International football began in Rumania in 1922 when they lost 1-2 away to Yugoslavia and they recently completed their 300th international, against Greece. The 300 games have produced 125 victories, 72 draws and 103 defeats — a positive balance.

The referee is always right, even when he's wrong to the F.A. — but in Greece they sometimes disagree. This happened after a refereeing error which led to a vital goal in the recent 2-2 draw between Ethnikos and PAOK Salonika, for the F.A. have ruled the match should be replayed.

Swedish engineer Udo Andersson has adapted the principles of a tennis serving machine to construct a gadget that shoots footballs at goal from 50 metres. The machine fires 12 shots a minute and is designed for goalkeeping practice.

NEWS FLASHES

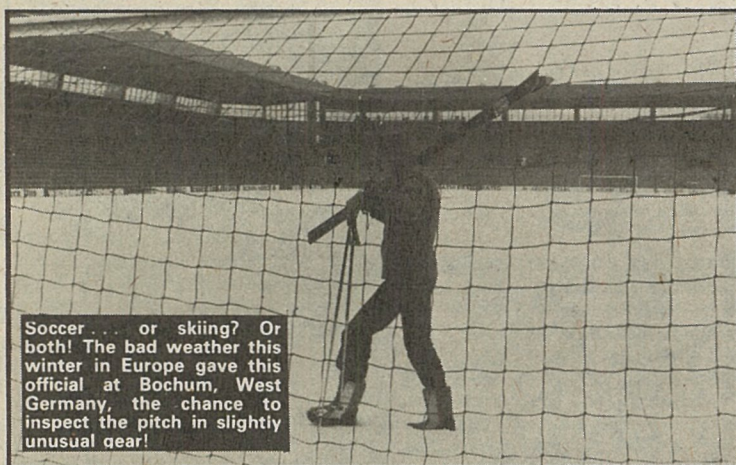
AC Milan led at the halfway stage in the Italian League and on 29 occasions in the 46 years of the League the winter-leaders have won the Championship. If Milan DO win the title, it will be their tenth success and they will be entitled to wear a yellow star on their jerseys, something only Juventus (18 wins) and Inter (11) have achieved.

Ernst Happel, who resigned as manager of FC Bruges recently, has signed a contract with Belgian Second Division side Racing Harelbeke until the end of the season.

Hungary's World Cup coach Lajos Baroti retired officially, aged 65, after the trip to Argentina, but he has not been inactive long. Austrian Cup holders SW Wacker Innsbruck, having a lean time this season, asked him to join them, and he agreed. His first stint in charge will be in Hungary where he has arranged for the Austrians to train for two weeks in the soccer school at Tatabanya.

African Footballer of the Year for 1978 is Abdoul Razak from Ghana. In second place in the ballot was Ali Bencheikh of Algeria and third, Thomas N'Kono of Cameroun.

Now here's a news item to make you think. In Spain, a spectator has been fined £70 for repeatedly insulting the referee during a League game...



Soccer... or skiing? Or both! The bad weather this winter in Europe gave this official at Bochum, West Germany, the chance to inspect the pitch in slightly unusual gear!

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This week's Star Letter comes from Michael J. Klotz of Gerrards Cross, Bucks, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

BE PREPARED!

I AM an American, but have lived in England for five years. Even before I left the States it was an accepted fact that the stars of baseball, basketball and American football were — and still are — negroes.

However, and this is the real point of my letter, they are seen in the same way as white athletes. Here, players such as Viv Anderson and Laurie Cunningham are looked upon as being very different.

My point is greatly emphasised when, in a commentary, colour seldom fails to be dropped in the discussion, often seemingly in spite or jealousy.

I'm sure there will come a time when the higher percentage of superstars in England will be black. The public must be prepared for this.

● America has a history of outstanding black players at most sports while the negro is only just making his mark over here. But in ten years I expect blacks to be much less of a novelty in our sport.

to him, and the only other England players with pass-marks were Brooking, Currie and Barnes. Emlyn Hughes is finished as an international and how Shilton lost his place to Clemence I'll never know.

Jackie Charlton, Ron Atkinson and Brian Moore were the most two-faced team of commentators I've seen — all for jolly old England. It was a farce and they all knew it.

Well, Steve, it won't be long before we Scots are all at Wembley again. And if Greenwood picks that team we'll eat it before breakfast.

JIMMY CAMPBELL, WEST LOTHIAN.

● It wasn't a vintage performance, but the result was excellent, and excellent results are things Scotland have struggled to obtain over the past year or so. I sense the old Scottish trait of over-confidence creeping in already and until Scots realise that the most important game at the end of the season is in Norway, not at Wembley, they'll continue to fail when it matters. Beating England at Wembley is far, far less important than winning the European Championship tie in Oslo and that, I'm sure, is the priority of Jock Stein, who is striving to make you absurdly-partisan Scots more realistic.

Hughes Under Fire

HOW sad to see Emlyn Hughes (left) taking a dive after a half-hearted shove from an Irish forward. It could have got the opponent into serious trouble. I'm sorry Kevin Keegan isn't Scottish, but I'm glad Emlyn Hughes isn't.

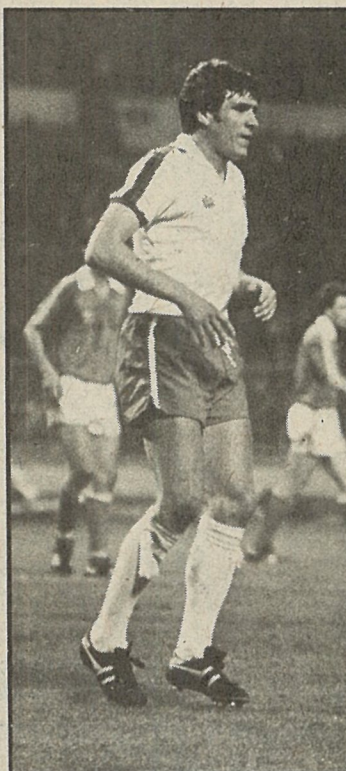
J. HALLIDAY, GALASHIELS.

DURING the warm-up to the game, the camera focused on Emlyn Hughes, who unwrapped some chewing gum and threw the paper on to the pitch. If players must chew gum, they should unwrap it in the dressing-room and dispose of the paper properly.

A. CRONSHAW, STROUD.

● One way or another it wasn't Crazy Horse's night. I saw Emlyn play-act against Chelsea a few seasons ago and an opponent could have been booked or sent-off. This is the wrong example for the captain of Liverpool and England to set.

Emlyn is a man who has been a credit to the British game, and it's sad to see people striving to find fault with him in the final stage of his career. Every player has faults — but, as in Emlyn's case — they are invariably overshadowed by his good qualities.



England For Breakfast

GOD help England without Kevin Keegan. The game against Northern Ireland belonged

'Chris is my best~

I HOPE it isn't an omen for Dennis Mortimer, but since I joined Aston Villa, the captain hasn't lasted more than a season at the club. My first skipper at Villa Park was Ian Ross; then Chris Nicholl, then Leighton Phillips. All three led the side for a season before moving on. I've been joking to Dennis that he can start packing his boots... but I'm sure he'll be around for quite a while.

I've never been a captain and have no desire to hold the job. I'm the wrong type of person to be a leader and ideally, the skipper should play in defence or midfield. I tend to be too "enthusiastic" towards referees and get too involved in things, so I'm not really captain material.

My first captain, at Dundee United, was Doug Smith, a very experienced professional who led by example. Many a time he kept me out of trouble by ensuring the new boy didn't say too much to the referee!

I was a bit of a hot-head as a teenager, and I suppose I still am in some ways, but Doug was very helpful and, as my only captain at Tannadice, taught me a lot.

Ian Ross, my captain upon arriving in England, was another who led by example, preferring to do things quietly and efficiently rather than yell and shout at his players.

Personally, I like to be geed up but there is no hard and fast rule. Different players require different treatment — you can't say any approach is suitable for the entire team.

The best skipper I've played under is Chris Nicholl, who, in my view, has everything a good captain should have. As a senior professional, he had the respect of everyone at the club and knew how to get the best out of me.

Happy

If I scored one goal, he'd come up and say: "Hey, Andy, you're not going to be happy with just one goal, are you?" And if he managed to score, himself, he'd 'subtly' remind me that he was a defender and I was a striker...

I like targets to aim for and Chris gave them to me. Since his move to Southampton, I've played against him and it was a most enjoyable, if competitive, afternoon.

Chris won't need any reminding that I scored. From a free-kick, Ken McNaught flicked the ball on to the bar and I knocked home the rebound. We had a dour battle and Chris a hard defender to play against, but I think we both enjoyed it... as the photo shows!

After Chris left for Saints, Leighton Phillips took over, another player who set the right sort of example for others to follow.



"Chris Nicholl and I after the Villa/Saints game in September. We both scored!"

Leighton has moved on to Swansea now, and Dennis is the current Villa captain. All the lads thought Dennis would get the nod; we're a fairly young side, and while Dennis certainly isn't old, he's experienced enough to have the necessary qualifications to lead the side.

We've yet to see the best of Dennis, I'm sure, because he's someone who works very hard at his game, never happy until everything is how he wants it.

As I said, a skipper should be a defender or midfielder player. It's hopeless for a goalkeeper to lead the team as he simply can't com-

**ANDY
GRAY**
Writes for you

municate with the outfield players. Perhaps a midfielder is best-equipped, as he is constantly in touch with his defence and attack.

As a youngster I used to be a Rangers fan (I still am, really) and I'm sure the club has never had a better captain than John Greig. I'd go as far as to say they'll never have a skipper quite like him. If ever there was a player who was the perfect example to every would-be professional, it's John.

Loyalty

Captain Courageous, that was John Greig. I must admit that when I went to Ibrox, I gave John some stick like the other fans at times, but through thick and thin he's been the last word in loyalty. It wasn't always easy for John, as Celtic had a long — too long! — period of domination, yet I've never heard him grumble and he deserves everything he's got.

It's too early to say what sort of manager John will be, but I know there is no better motivator of players. In the European Cup, he has proved astute with tactics and I'm delighted to see Rangers in the last eight.

If John Greig was an outstanding Scottish captain, his Celtic counterpart Billy McNeill was also a legend in his own lifetime. It seems right that they're both managers of the clubs they served so well, as their careers have been parallel.

Invariably it was either John or Billy who was lifting up the trophy!

Not only were they both fine captains, but first-class ambassadors for their country and their rivalry will continue now they are managing their respective sides.

Another great Scottish captain is Billy Bremner, perhaps the most inspiring of all skippers. He did a lot for Leeds; okay, at times they were ultra-professional, a phrase that can hide a multitude of sins, I know, but to stay at the top as long as Leeds did, you have to know every trick in the book.

The biggest compliment Bobby Moore ever had was being booed by the Scotland fans. They only jeer at world-class players and Bobby was always their target being such a superb player. Kevin Keegan would have the same treatment now. I would have loved to have played under Bobby, as I'm sure I could have learned a lot from him. At his peak, he was the best defender in

ever captain'



"The current Villa skipper, Dennis Mortimer, leading us out at Spurs."

the world — as I said, Scotland supporters don't give stick to bad players!

One captain I'm not sure if I'd like to be under is Franz Beckenbauer, wonderful player that he is. I'd find his type of high-handed captaincy hard to accept: his word is law and I think he has a great deal of influence in team selection.

With West Germany, there always seemed to be some row going on, and Franz always won! Having said this, Beckenbauer is still a world-class player and I'd like to be just half as successful as he's been.

One of the disappointments of my career is that I haven't played against Johan Cruyff. I missed the Euro tie against Barcelona last year, yet from the stand it was obvious I was watching an extraordinary player.

He changed the course of the game with one piece of magic when he scored. What a player!

The 1978 World Cup lacked these sort of personalities. In the years to come, we'll look back on Argentina as the World Cup without players! Only Mario Kempes made any real impression; usually, the World Cup gives us a lot of new heroes, new household names, but 1978 didn't.

No one reached the level of Cruyff, Beckenbauer, Rivelino or others at their best.

It's derby day in Birmingham this Saturday (March 3rd) and I hope Villa can do the double over Blues. I hit the winner in the game earlier this season and even if I'm not around this weekend, I'm sure we can do it.

Join me again in a fortnight,

John Greig

"Captain Courageous — John Greig — Rangers' best-ever captain."

John Greig

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



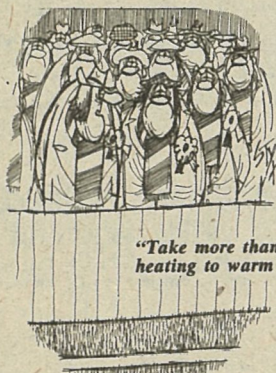
"After your nine goal debacle last Saturday — the boys are going to give you a little bit of practice"



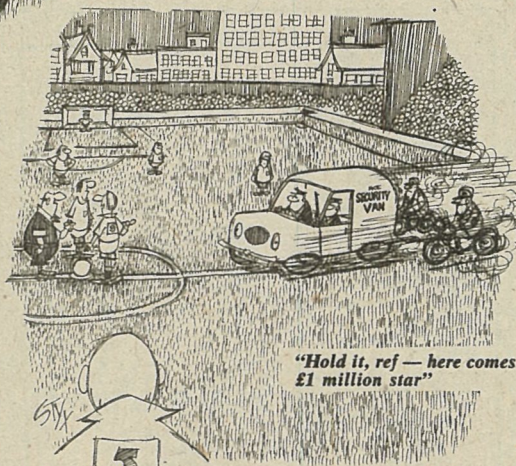
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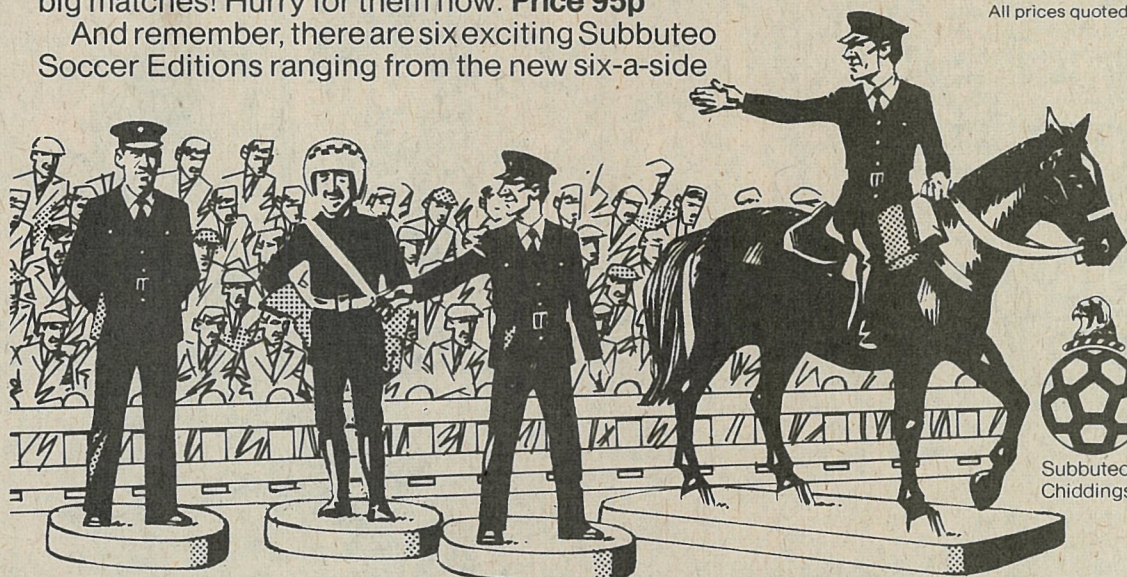
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Leeds City were formed in 1904 and a year later they were elected to the Second Division and finished sixth in the 1905-06 season.

Ten seasons of Division Two soccer saw a highest position of 4th (1913-14) and lowest of 19th in 1911-12 before football stopped for World War One.

One of the biggest sensations ever in football happened in the 1919-20 season as football resumed after the War. Leeds were accused of irregular payments to players and the club were expelled from the Football League on October 13th, 1919.

United played in the Midland League until admitted into the Second Division in May, 1920.

The new club spent four seasons in the Second Division before they won promotion as Champions in the 1923-24 season, three points ahead of Bury.

It was a hard life in the First for United, they finished 18th, 19th and then were relegated in the 1926-27 season when they went down with W.B.A., who finished bottom on goal-average behind Leeds.

Leeds went straight back the following season when they finished runners-up to Manchester City. A position of 13th, and then one of fifth, hardly prepared the United fans for the 1930-31 season when they were 21st and back in the Second Division.

Once again Leeds climbed out of the Second at the first attempt, finishing runners-up to Wolves.

But the first season after World War Two saw United finish bottom with only six wins and only 18 points.

Nine years of Second Division football ended when they finished second in the 1955-56 term.

Yet it was only a four season stay in the First before they were relegated again at the end of the 1959-60 season.

It was in 1961 that a man arrived at Elland Road as player-manager, who was to transform a very average club into one of the best in the world. That man was DON REVIE.

Under Revie Leeds won promotion as Second Division Champions in the 1963-64 season. The following season, the club without a major honour, went close to the League and F.A. Cup 'double'!

In their first season back in the First, they finished runners-up to Manchester United on goal average and lost 2-1 to Liverpool in the Final of the F.A. Cup after extra-time.

Leeds' performance in reaching



Former manager Don Revie (left) with Billy Bremner after Leeds beat Arsenal in the 1972 F.A. Cup Final.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1973-74	Mick Jones	14
1974-75	Allan Clarke	14
1975-76	Duncan McKenzie	16
1976-77	Joe Jordan	10
1977-78	Ray Hankin	20

the Final in 1965 was remarkable in as much their previous best in the F.A. Cup was reaching the sixth round in 1949-50.

That 1964-65 season was the turning point for the Elland Road club. Runners-up in the League again the following term, Semi-Finalists in the F.A. Cup in each of the following two seasons was followed by United's first League Championship in the 1968-69 season.

The following May, they were at Wembley again in the F.A. Cup and this time, with Chelsea, were involved in the only drawn Final seen at Wembley, but lost the replay at Old Trafford.

That season also and the next two (1970-72) Leeds were runners-up in the First Division.

Leeds at last won the F.A. Cup in the 1971-72 season when they beat Arsenal 1-0 in the Final. The following season they were runners-up to Second Division Sunderland in one of the biggest Final upsets of all-time.

They were Champions again in the 1973-74 season. In Europe also, Leeds found success, winning the Fairs Cup in 1967-68 and 1970-71 and were runners-up in 1966-67.

The Football League Cup was won in the 1967-68 campaign.

Although the one trophy that Revie had set his heart on, the European Cup, was on the cards in 1974-75, the season after Revie had left to take on the England manager's job, Leeds reached the Final but lost to Bayern Munich, in Paris.

It signalled the end of an era in which they had become more used to winning than losing.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Result	Venue
Aug 19	Arsenal	2-2	A
23	Man. Utd.	2-3	H
26	Wolves	3-0	H
Sept 2	Chelsea	3-0	A
9	Man. City	0-3	A
16	Tottenham	1-2	H
23	Coventry C.	0-0	A
30	Birmingham C.	3-0	H
Oct 7	Bolton W.	1-3	A
14	W.B.A.	1-3	H
21	Norwich C.	2-2	A
28	Derby Co.	4-0	H
Nov 4	Liverpool	1-1	A
11	Arsenal	0-1	H
18	Wolves	1-1	A
22	Chelsea	2-1	H
25	Southampton	4-0	H
Dec 2	Ipswich T.	3-2	A
9	Bristol C.	1-1	H
16	Everton	1-1	A
23	Middlesbrough	3-1	H
26	Aston Villa	2-2	A
30	Q.P.R.	4-1	A
Jan 13	Man. City	1-1	H
20	Tottenham H.	2-1	A
Feb 3	Coventry C.	1-0	H
10	Birmingham C.	1-0	A
17	Bolton W.		H
24	W.B.A.		A
Mar 3	Norwich C.		H
10	Derby Co.		A
17	Liverpool		H
24	Man. Utd.		A
31	Southampton		A
Apr 7	Ipswich T.		H
10	Middlesbrough		A
14	Aston Villa		H
16	Nottm. Forest		A
21	Everton		H
28	Bristol C.		A
May 5	Q.P.R.		H

To be arranged: Nottm. Forest (H)

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LEEDS ROLL OF HONOUR

DIVISION ONE Championship: 1968-69, 1973-74.

Division Two Championship: 1923-24, 1963-64.

F.A. Cup Winners: 1972.

Football League Cup Winners: 1967-68.

U.E.F.A. (then Fairs Cup) Winners: 1967-68, 1970-71.

Members of the Leeds' team line-up after winning the 1969 League Championship.



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LEEDS



BACK ROW (left to right): John Hawley, Paul Madeley, Paul Hart, David Stewart (now West Bromwich Albion), Ray Hankin, David Harvey, Keith Parkinson, Tony Currie, Byron Stevenson.

UNITED



SEATED: Frank Gray, Eddie Gray, Peter Lorimer, Brian Flynn, Trevor Cherry, Carl Harris, Arthur Graham, Peter Hampton.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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PEN PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes. All records to the end of December, 1978).

TREVOR CHERRY: Defender who is very consistent, both for Leeds and England, signed from Huddersfield Town for £100,000 in June, 1972. Born Huddersfield. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 11.6. L. App:— Huddersfield 184 and 2 sub, Leeds 242 and 5 sub. G:— Huddersfield 10, Leeds 16.

TONY CURRIE: Midfielder and one of the finest ball-players in the game. Now a regular in the England team. Signed from Sheffield United in July, 1976 for £250,000. Born Edgware. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 12.9. L. App:— Watford 17 and 1 sub, Sheff. Utd. 313, Leeds 88. G:— Watford 9, Sheff. Utd 55, Leeds 9.

BRIAN FLYNN: Midfielder and pocket-sized dynamo signed from Burnley in November 1977 for £175,000. Automatic choice for Wales. Born Port Talbot. Ht. 5.3½. Wt. 8.8. L. App:— Burnley 115 and 5 sub, Leeds 51 and 1 sub. G:— Burnley 8, Leeds 4.

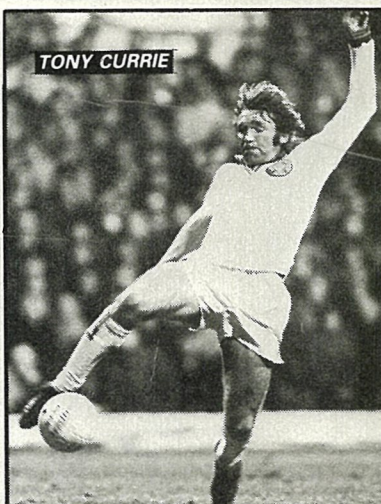
ARTHUR GRAHAM: Winger signed from Aberdeen for £140,000 in July, 1977. Scottish international. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.7½. Wt. 11.10. L. App:— Aberdeen 212 and 8 sub, Leeds 60. G:— Aberdeen 34, Leeds 14.

EDDIE GRAY: Winger or midfielder signed professional in January, 1965. Scottish International. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.6. L. App:— 311 and 10 sub. G:— 49.

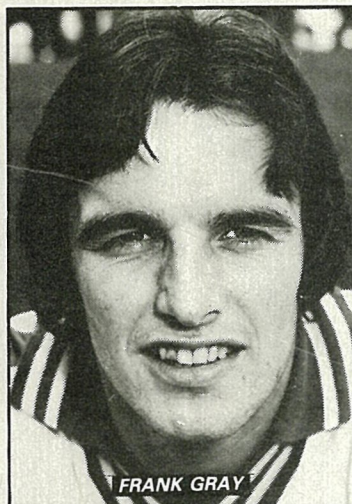
FRANK GRAY: Defender and younger brother of Eddie. Like his brother, Frank is also a full Scottish international. Signed professional in November, 1971. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 11.8. L. App:— 169 and 5 sub. G:— 15.

PETER HAMPTON: Defender signed professional in September, 1971. Born Bishop Auckland. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.11. L. App:— 44 and 5 sub. G:— 2.

RAY HANKIN: Striker signed from



TONY CURRIE



FRANK GRAY



John Hawley shoots, but former Chelsea defender Steve Wicks (now Derby) blocks his shot.



TREVOR CHERRY

Burnley for £200,000 in September, 1976 and top League scorer for Leeds with 20 goals in the 1977-78 season. England Under-23 international. Born Wallsend. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 13.10. L. App:— Burnley 110 and 2 sub, Leeds 56. G:— Burnley 37, Leeds 25.

JOHN HAWLEY: Striker signed from Hull City in May, 1978. Born Withernsea. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.0. L.

App:— Hull 101 and 13 sub, Leeds 15 and 1 sub. G:— Hull 22, Leeds 9.

CARL HARRIS: Winger signed professional for Leeds from the Elland Road youth ranks and has developed into a full Welsh international. Born Neath. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.5. L. App:— 47 and 10 sub. G:— 11.

PAUL HART: Central defender signed from Blackpool for £300,000

and has now settled down to become one of the most dominating defenders in the First Division. Born Manchester. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.0. L. App:— Stockport 88, Blackpool 143, Leeds 35. G:— Stockport 5, Blackpool 17, Leeds 2.

DAVID HARVEY: Goalkeeper and Scottish International who was first choice for Scotland in the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany. Product of United's youth system. Born Leeds. Ht. 5.11½. Wt. 12.5. L. App:— 248.

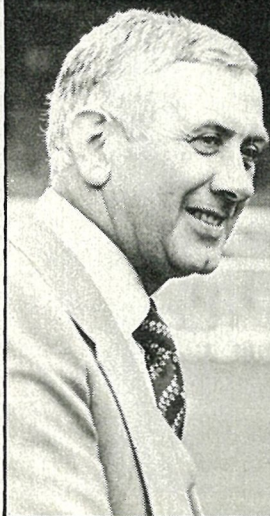
PETER LORIMER: Long serving Leeds star who signed professional in December, 1963. Has had one of the hardest shots in the game and won 21 full caps for Scotland. Born Dundee. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— 428 and 21 sub. G:— 151.

PAUL MADELEY: Defender and longest serving player with Leeds having signed professional in May, 1962. Has won 24 England caps. Born Leeds. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.6. L. App:— 479 and 10 sub. G:— 24.

BYRON STEVENSON: Defender and another product of the United youth system who has become a full international. Byron making his debut for Wales against Northern Ireland at Wrexham in May, 1978. Born Llanelli. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 24 and 3 sub. G:— 1.

GWYN THOMAS: Striker signed professional in July, 1975. Born Swansea. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 8 and 5 sub. G:— 2.

More Glory days ahead?



Jimmy Adamson (left) is greeted by deputy-chairman Bob Roberts after joining as manager.



Jimmy Adamson is a 'Canny lad' as they say in his native North-East and Leeds United supporters will vouch for that. Anyone who has watched the side this season will have seen clear evidence that the club is on the way back to the glory days of recent seasons after major surgery on the side that brought fame to the club.

Gone are Reaney, Clarke, McQueen, Jordan and Stewart from the Leeds staff who started the 1977-78 season. First Jimmy Armfield, then his successor Jimmy Adamson reshaped the team.

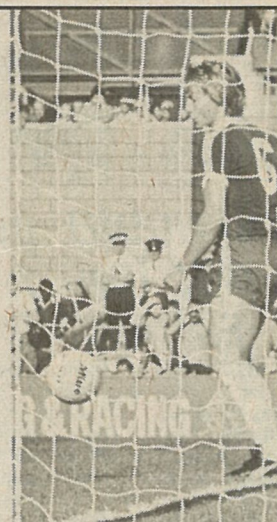
Leeds fell at the last hurdle before reaching Wembley when Southampton beat them in the League Cup Semi-Finals. After a bad spell in late September and early October when they lost four out of six League games, United have climbed the First Division table.



West Brom's Cyrille Regis flies through the air with the greatest of ease — to score against Coventry.



Ron Futch of Manchester City (white shirt) goes on his bended knees to nod one home at Chelsea.



HEADS THEY SCORE...



Terry Brisley leaps to head a goal for Charlton at Leicester.



Alan Gowling (number 9) of Bolton beats Ernie Howe and Phil Parkes of Q.P.R. to score.



West Ham's Alan Taylor dives low to steer the ball past Malcolm Webster of Cambridge.



Steve White scores his first goal of the season for Bristol Rovers, against Notts County.



UNKNOWN, BUT NOT UNDER-ESTIMATED

FOREST winger John Robertson looks at the tie against 'weak' Grasshoppers of Zurich realistically. He says: "Okay, perhaps it would have been the tie we'd have picked. Naturally we're happy to avoid Rangers and Cologne."

"But we're not making the mistake of thinking Grasshoppers aren't very good just because we know hardly anything about them. Too many sides have come unstuck in this way in the past."

"In some ways, it can be better to play a big club; at least you know what you're up against. People are saying we should win easily — WE'RE not saying it, though."

Robertson is right to be cautious, but there can be no denying Forest have a marvellous chance to reach the last four in what is a relatively ordinary European Cup.

"Yes, a lot of the big guns are out, but the teams who knocked them out are still there, so they can't possibly be underestimated."

"Brian Clough doesn't allow us to think any further than the next game, so right now I know virtually nothing about Grasshoppers."

Previews of the first-legs of the Quarter-Finals of the

EUROPEAN CUP

FOREST v GRASSHOPPERS



JOHN ROBERTSON

I've played in Switzerland just once, a few years ago in a pre-season friendly against a side called St. Gallen. We lost 3-2, I think."

Forest may not be showing the sparkle of last season in the League, but their form in the Cups has been first-class.

"Teams now come to the City

Ground and shut up shop, which makes things harder for us. Of our four European Cup-ties, our 0-0 draw at Liverpool gives me the most satisfaction. We knew we could finish the job up there; our attitude was correct and we showed our character."

"Although our best chance of success is obviously in the League Cup, we'll be going all out to win everything, impossible as it may seem."

"Naturally, it would be nice to win Europe's premier competition, but at the same time we're anxious to retain our League title."

In the meantime, it's 'Operation Grasshoppers' for Forest.

NOBODY THOUGHT THEY'D BEAT REAL MADRID . . .

FOREST are now the big favourites to win the European Cup and FC Grasshoppers' coach Fritz Jucker agrees with the general opinion. In the absence of manager Helmut Johannsen, returning to Germany in July, who is off on holiday in the Seychelles or somewhere just as exotic (and secret) during Switzer-

land's break of three months-odd, it was Herr Jucker who made the spying trip. Arriving back at Zurich airport he was besieged by Swiss journalists wanting his views.

"It would be better to go out to Forest than one of the outsiders," said Jucker, "but nobody thought we could survive against Real Madrid and we did. I am pleased we are playing the first leg away, but Forest have a big advantage that they do not have a winter break. We will have played only Servette (Geneva) in the Semi-Finals of the League Cup and one League game against Chênôis when we play in England."

"Nottingham have some very good individuals and they are in a way typically English, which is always difficult for us Swiss to play against. They are very combative, and they sustain their speedy rhythm for the whole 90 minutes."

Herr Jucker picked out Archie Gemmill as the key man who makes Forest tick. "We will pay close attention to him," he said, but added pointedly. "Left-winger Robertson was the most dangerous player and all of Forest's most effective attacks came from his thrusts. On the right, the only danger came from right-back Anderson, who moved up well now and again and we shall try to make progress there."

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RED STAR v WEST BROM

AT A DISADVANTAGE

FIFTY-eight years old Branko Stankovic, manager-coach of Red Star, flew to England to watch West Bromwich in action against Liverpool at Anfield — and as he said after the match: "I came to see West Brom but really only saw Liverpool, because they were so much on top."

Stankovic knows English football quite well, having met Arsenal this season in the U.E.F.A. Cup, and while working in Greece, meeting Liverpool in European competition. Apart from that he said, back in Belgrade: "I know the general pattern of play in England, for during our winter breaks in the past I have spent several weeks watching the English train and play during several winters."

But I didn't see enough of West Bromwich at Liverpool to form a real opinion about their individual players and I must try to see them again before we meet them."

"West Brom have a big advantage over us," said Stankovic, "for we are due to re-start our League programme the Sunday before the first-leg. We shall try to get that game switched to Saturday, to give us an extra day to recover

from minor knocks etc, but apart from that we have a very unsatisfactory warm-up period compared to West Brom, who should have been playing regularly."

Stankovic had already taken his players to Libya for two games before he left them to fly to Liver-



Arsenal v. Red Star at Highbury, when the Slavs qualified on the away-goal ruling.

pool, but after that they only played four matches in two friendly Yugoslav preparation tournaments in Split and Mostar, and then their first official game, a week before the first League match was an easy home Cup game against a Second Division club.

"Overall I was impressed by Statham, Robson and Tony Brown who all played very well at Liverpool," says Stankovic, "and clearly we shall have to watch Cyrille Regis very closely, for although he didn't get many opportunities he can obviously shoot well with either foot, and is very quick and strong. Here we have a problem because our marking centre back Keri has just gone to the U.S.A. where he will play for the Los Angeles Aztecs."

SLAVS ARE DANGEROUS

ALBION'S England Under-21 full-back Derek Statham admits to being "a little surprised" by his club's Euro form. He says: "I thought we'd do well, but perhaps not this well. We don't have a great deal of experience at this level, although up to now we haven't really been stretched."

"Red Star obviously have the

edge on us in terms of experience. They proved this by winning through against Arsenal. From what I've seen of them, they are very dangerous on the break."

Statham says Albion haven't had to change their tactics for the U.E.F.A. Cup.

"Maybe we're a little more cautious in the first 20 minutes in the away-leg while we size up the opposition. Our best performance to date was in Valencia where, after going one down, we didn't drop our heads and came back to 'murder' them. We drew 1-1, but should have won 3-1."

"I'm happy the first-leg is in Belgrade. We then know the task that lies ahead of us at The Hawthorns."

"At this stage of the competition there are no poor teams."

West Brom have been fortunate with injuries so far and Statham realises that when the going really gets hot, Albion's small squad could be stretched.

"However, the most recent additions, David Stewart and David Mills, make the pool stronger," he points out.

"I hope the accommodation in Belgrade is okay. We weren't too happy with our hotel in Hungary. Still, after our trip to China last year we're ready for anything in Europe!"

Three European Club competitions to be played next week



BROTHER HELPS ARNOLD

IPSWICH midfielder Arnold Mühren has been receiving some family advice about his club's Cup-Winners' Quarter-Final.

The telephone line between Arnold's home in Suffolk has been buzzing with calls from brother Gerrie who is playing with Real Betis in the Spanish Second Division.

"Gerrie has been telling me all about them," says Arnold. "He tells me they are very good at home, but he feels we have a good chance of beating them in Ipswich."

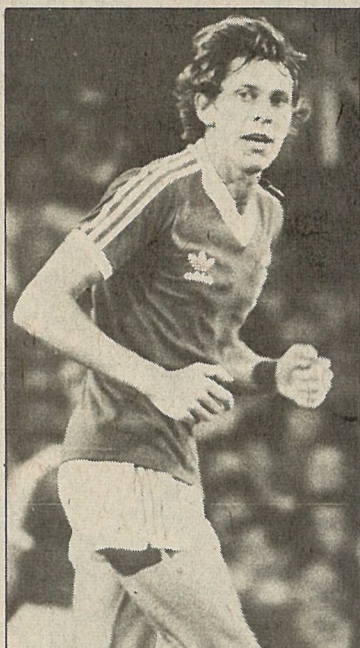
"I would have preferred another draw, like Servette of Switzerland or the Belgian club Beveren, and it would be better to have the away game first."

"Another problem is we will be without Paul Mariner and Trevor Whymark, so it will be difficult to get the two goal lead from the first-leg that I think we need to have a chance in Spain."

Arnold, a firm favourite with the Ipswich fans, will be making his European debut for the club because he joined them too late to be eligible for the earlier rounds.

But he certainly doesn't lack European experience after playing

CUP-WINNERS' CUP IPSWICH v BARCELONA



ARNOLD MÜHREN

with Dutch giants Ajax and FC Twente.

He continues: "Barcelona must miss Cruyff," says Arnold emphatically. "I played with him for three

years at Ajax and he was a magician, easily the best I've ever seen. He just cannot be replaced."

"I'll be playing careful attention to my old friend Johan Neeskens who is a good all-round player. We used to share a room on away trips when we were both at Ajax and it would be nice to beat him."

"It is obviously going to be very difficult. With Paul Mariner suspended and Trevor Whymark away to Vancouver Whitecaps it will mean giving younger players an opportunity and they may surprise Barcelona."

"I know Ipswich lost a 3-0 lead last year in the U.E.F.A. Cup but the players are eager to make up for that. And I'm looking forward to my first game in Europe with my new club."

NOT GIVING AWAY SECRETS

WITH the Barcelona players adhering strictly to their 'vows of silence' (see story on page 18) SHOOT asked their new manager Lucien Muller for his views on the tie against Ipswich. Muller isn't the only new face in a Barcelona outfit that's had to re-think its style of play since the departures of Johan

Cruyff and Dutch manager Rinus Michels.

"Obviously Cruyff's absence has made a difference," says French-born Muller, "but I'm not sure the side has changed that much. I don't want to give away any secrets, and I'll leave the Ipswich fans to judge for themselves whether the team is better or worse than last year!"

"I know a lot of people make us firm favourites to win the tie, but I've played and seen enough football in my life to know this is dangerous thinking. If we're meant to be better than Ipswich, we've got to prove it during three hours of football."

'Run-down'

"Of course, I didn't see last year's tie (I was managing Burgos at that stage), but the players have given me a detailed run-down on what happened, and I've also got the matches on film. I've managed to get film of Ipswich's match in Austria in the last round, too."

"Apart from that, we've been watching them whenever we've been able to, and I've even had a detailed chat with Johan Neeskens about his fellow Dutchman, Arnold Mühren. All in all, I think you could say that we've done our homework!"

AIMING FOR A GOOD LEAD

TONY BOOK, the Manchester City manager, does not underestimate the importance of his club's survival in Europe. City's League form has been awful and their F.A. Cup k.o. by Third Division Shrewsbury Town raised questions about Book's future at Maine Road. So he knows success in the U.E.F.A. Cup is essential.

"Motivation is never a problem in Europe. People keep saying Borussia aren't the team they were, but their results in the competition so far have been excellent."

"They scored seven goals against their Austrian opponents and then knocked out Benfica. Borussia have too many good players and too much experience for us to give them anything but our utmost respect."

One factor in City's favour is Borussia are hardly unknown. Their clashes with Liverpool in the European Cup thrilled millions while their captain, Allan Simonsen, showed his danger playing for Denmark against England.

Even so, Book and Malcolm Allison have flown to Germany to assess the latest form of Borussia and have spoken to Bob Paisley

U.E.F.A. CUP MAN. CITY v BORUSSIA MÖN.



Borussia celebrate a goal v. Hamburger SV.

and Kevin Keegan, also.

"Kevin probably knows more about Borussia than anyone, playing in the Bundesliga. You can't have too much information."

"I'd have preferred to have played the first tie in Germany, but we must now do all we can at Maine Road and hope to have a decent lead to protect when we play away."

"We have nothing left to fight for but the U.E.F.A. Cup now and I take heart from our form in the tournament to date. Beating AC Milan 3-0 was a tremendous performance."

"Now, we must aim for a similar result against Borussia."

UNBEATEN BMG READY FOR CITY

FOUR months ago, with Berti Vogts having just broken a leg, and 1977 European Footballer of the year Allan Simonsen out with injury, Borussia Mönchengladbach would not have relished a clash with Manchester City.

Borussia slipped into the bottom half of the Bundesliga table before Simonsen returned after Borussia had been held at home in the U.E.F.A. Cup Third Round 0-0 by Slask Wroclaw. Simonsen destroyed Slask in Poland with a hat-trick in a 4-2 win after the Poles

had led.

Since then, Borussia have crept up into a respectable position in the League, but are so far behind and out of the Cup, that their only chance of European football next season is to win the U.E.F.A. Cup this term and qualify as holders.

In Zurich on the day of the draw Borussia coach Udo Lattek said: "Manchester City are the most difficult team we could have drawn. The only good thing is that we are away first."

Borussia are unbeaten in six U.E.F.A. Cup-ties and have twice won their away leg — they won 2-1 away to Sturm Graz in the First Round — and over the years have made a habit of winning away, for it suits their style to have their opponents press forward and catch them on the break.

Berti Vogts hopes to be back in action in March, but not in time to meet City, and after the draw Lattek made no move to watch Kidd, Barnes & Co.

In January Borussia spent ten days in Israel, drawing 1-1 with their national team and due to the glacial weather had one game after another cancelled. But one game they did play was at home to Hamburger SV and winning 4-3, it was clear in this game that Simonsen means more to Borussia than Kevin Keegan does to HSV.



NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE SCOTS

1 FC COLOGNE coach Hennes Weisweiler took the news that his side was to meet Rangers very cheerfully. On the day of the draw he said: "In Rangers we have an attractive opponent in the next round that should bring a full house to the Mungersdorf stadium on Tuesday March 6th."

Cologne played very well under Weisweiler when they put a good Queens Park Rangers' side out of Europe two seasons ago, but went down to Rangers the last time they were paired with Scotland's 35-times Champions. Then they lost 3-0 at Ibrox, and winning 3-1 in Germany, went out 4-3.

Hennes Weisweiler knows Rangers from his managerial days with Borussia Mönchengladbach, when in the 1973-74 European Cup-Winners' Cup, the Germans won 3-0 at home and held Rangers to 2-3 in Glasgow to qualify comfortably.

The Rangers personnel has changed since then, but Herr Weisweiler is the type of coach who

prefers to concentrate most on getting *his* team to play their game well and worry less about the opposition.

However, Weisweiler was quick to obtain a film of Rangers in action this season and watched it with all his players.

Much of Weisweiler's hopes will rest on whether their injured mid-field star Heinz Flohe is fully fit and gets a match or two under his belt before the Germans meet Rangers, while centre-forward Dieter Müller is not finding goals so easy to score this season.

Weisweiler refuses to be drawn by anyone, beyond saying that "Rangers have earned the respect of everyone by eliminating Juventus and PSV Eindhoven, but they are only a team like any other, and Cologne will take their games with the Scots as they come," — one game at a time — which is H.W.'s usual reply.

But before the Germans actually cross swords with Rangers, Herr Weisweiler will have Rangers watched for him by his assistant Hannes Löhr who will see the Scots in action at least once, maybe twice.

Around 3,000 Rangers fans are expected to make the trip to Germany and the Cologne authorities have made "adequate" precautions. Let's hope both team and fans do Scotland proud again.

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Alex MacDonald heads the winner against Juventus.



KEVIN KEEGAN recently appeared on Scottish television and said: "After beating Juventus and PSV Eindhoven, Rangers should now be given the European Cup!"

Nice words, Kevin, and much appreciated, but I will believe Rangers are the Champions of Europe only when I go up to the rostrum in Munich in May and collect the trophy. Until then we have at least five matches to go before we can be crowned kings and obviously these will be games that will be fought at a hectic pace and fought to the very end.

On Tuesday we go into action against West German Champions Cologne in the first-leg of our European Cup Quarter-Final tie. Cologne will have the backing of their fans right behind them and they will be going all out for a big lead to make the return a formality.

They know all about us and we know all about them. We both

acknowledge that our League form has been indifferent on occasions this season and we both respect one another as Champions of our countries.

We have heard stories about injuries to Heinz Flohe, their international key man. We have heard about the loss of form of Dieter Müller, another man who made the trip to Argentina in the Summer with the former World Champions.

Trailing

No doubt they have heard about the form loss of some of our players. They might take a look at my goal tally this season and see I am trailing behind last year's total for the same period, but that will not mean a thing on Tuesday.

We'll be expecting them to be at their very best. We won't be hoping for them to have a bad performance. That's soccer suicide at

this level in the game, believe me.

The gaffer, John Greig, has played against many West German teams as well as their international side and I know he respects their gutsy style and their fitness.

We won't expect Lady Luck to do us any favours. We didn't look for luck against Juventus or PSV Eindhoven and we still managed to get rid of them, didn't we?

Rangers are restoring their image in Europe. Beating the Italian and Dutch Champions was no mean feat, but it means nothing if we go out of the trophy now. No one remembers the beaten Quarter-Finalists. Who, for instance, were the teams who reached this stage in last season's competition and didn't make any further progress? I certainly don't know!

Cologne will be treated as though they were that marvellous Brazilian side of 1970. We will expect them to be as great as Bayern Munich when they won the

European Cup three years in succession. We know they can be every bit as good as the Ajax side who also did the hat-trick.

In short, we believe they are a powerful side with some gifted individuals and a clever manager in Hennes Weisweiler. Don't mistake this for fear, though. We are afraid of no one.

We respect everyone. If we were playing Glenbuck Cherrypickers on Tuesday we would respect them, too.

How do I think the game will go in Cologne? We played to strategic tactics against Juventus and PSV and John Greig's plans paid off. I'm not going to divulge any of our secrets, but, hopefully, we'll have a surprise or two in store for the West Germans.

The big occasion has brought out the best in us this season and we have hit five goals in our matches so far. Surprisingly, Alex MacDonald leads the scorers with two, one against either side, and yours truly, Gordon Smith and Bobby Russell have hit the others.

Frankly, I don't care who scores for us against Cologne... just as long as we have one more than them at the end of the day.

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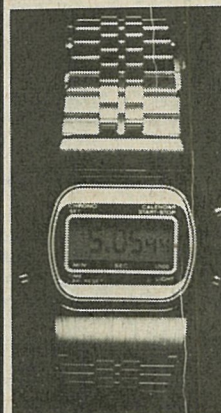
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The 'Outsiders'

A look at the 24 teams which have played in the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions of the Football League but never in the First.

PRIDE of place amongst the First Division's "outsiders" must go to Barnsley, who reached two Cup Finals within three seasons. They lost in 1910 to Newcastle after a replay and won in 1912. Ten years later, the Yorkshire club had the heart-breaking experience of missing promotion to the First Division on goal-average.

The 'Tykes' had also come third in the Second Division in 1915, only to see sixth-placed Arsenal promoted over their head when competitive soccer resumed after the War. Barnsley never again seriously challenged for the ultimate promotion and have spent most of their years since then in the lower ranks.

Two other clubs missed out on the First Division because of calculations regarding

goals. In 1955 Rotherham finished with the same points total as both Luton and Birmingham but had to be content with third place in the Second Division. And last season, Spurs pipped Brighton to the First Division on superior goal-difference.

Millwall also failed to get into the First Division by one place, although they finished a point behind the second club in the 1971-72 final Second Division table. Rotherham, on the other hand, were the first runners-up of the Football League Cup in its inaugural season of 1960-61.

Other teams which have come close to First Division status are Chesterfield and Scunthorpe (both fourth), Lincoln, Port Vale and Swansea (all fifth), Walsall (who have been sixth) and Doncaster (seventh). Wrexham are enjoying success in the Seventies. Entering the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1975-76 after winning the Welsh Cup the previous season, the Welsh club stormed through to the Quarter-Finals while still in the Third Division. Then, this season, Wrexham climbed into the Second Division for the first time and succeeded Cardiff as the venue for internationals.

Two others reached the last four of the F.A. Cup while only in Division Three: Port Vale did so in 1954, and York City took Newcastle to a replay before relinquishing a Wembley place by 2-0 in 1955. The other four Semi-Finalists of the eight mentioned earlier, Crewe (1888), Swansea (1926 and 1964), Reading (1927) and Watford (1970) were all well beaten. All four were in the Second Division at the time, the other two Third Divisioners to get into the last four of the F.A. Cup being Norwich and Crystal Palace while Watford, now in the Third, recently won through to the Semis of the League Cup.

Cambridge went up to the Third in 1973, came straight back down again in 1974, then consecutive promotions in the last two years have taken them into the Second in the quickest possible time. Not bad for a club which only turned professional in 1946 and were in the Southern League until 1970.

Oxford reached the Second Division within six years of making their Fourth Division debut in 1962-63 and climbed to a peak of thirtieth in the whole country in 1972-73.

Hereford were promoted immediately they were admitted to Division Four in 1972-73. Three years later they were promoted to the Second Division where they remained for one season. In the last two years, Hereford have moved in exactly the opposite direction to Cambridge, successive relegations finding them facing life in the Fourth again, their fourth move in their six League seasons. Brighton, Doncaster, Lincoln and York of the teams included in this survey have made a similar double descent.

Mansfield, Newport and Tranmere were also relegated after only one term amongst the top 44, while the stay there of Darlington and York was for only a season longer. Others whose membership of the Second Division has been of a short duration are Watford, three seasons; Crewe, four; Reading, five; Scunthorpe, six; and Oxford, eight; but some of these sides have performed wonders in Cup competition.

Mansfield, for instance, beat West Ham at their peak on the way to the Sixth Round in 1969.

This season, Newport have beaten The Hammers in the F.A. Cup and, in 1949, stormed into the Fifth Round by disposing of Leeds and Huddersfield. Tranmere knocked Arsenal out of the League Cup six years ago.

Doncaster (five), Lincoln (four) and Barnsley (four) of the two dozen have the most Championships to their names whereas Crewe and York have never won one. The only club not yet mentioned is Stockport and they hold two curious records.

In 1921, they were watched by the smallest-ever League crowd, only 13 people paid to see their game with Leicester, which had been transferred to Old Trafford because their ground was under suspension. Thirteen years later they scored 13 goals without reply against Halifax.

RECORDS OF THE 24 TEAMS

	Joined League	Seasons in Division			Total Champs	
		2	3	4		
Barnsley	1898	45	15	10	70	4
Brighton	1920	7	43	2	52	3
Cambridge United	1970	1	2	6	9	1
Chesterfield	1899	20	32	9	61	3
Crewe Alexandra	1892	4	32	19	55	0
Darlington	1921	2	29	20	51	1
Doncaster Rovers	1901	14	21	17	52	5
Hereford United	1972	1	4	2	7	1
Lincoln City	1892	34	25	14	73	4
Mansfield Town	1931	1	34	6	41	2
Millwall	1920	21	26	5	52	3
Newport County	1920	1	33	17	51	1
Oxford United	1962	8	6	3	17	1
Port Vale	1892	32	28	6	66	3
Reading	1920	5	40	7	52	1
Rotherham United	1893	24	30	2	56	1
Scunthorpe United	1950	6	13	10	29	1
Stockport County	1900	21	29	17	67	3
Swansea City	1920	31	13	8	52	2
Tranmere Rovers	1921	1	43	7	51	1
Walsall	1892	10	47	2	59	1
Watford	1920	3	44	5	52	2
Wrexham	1921	1	42	8	51	1
York City	1929	2	28	13	43	0

Figures include the 1978-79 season and Barnsley's Championships include the winning of the F.A. Cup in 1912, the only major honour gathered by these 24 teams.

SUMMARY OF DIVISIONS

Of the current Football League clubs:—

24 have played in Divisions 2, 3 and 4 but not in Division 1.
20 have played in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 but not in Division 4.
16 have played in Divisions 1 and 2 only.
13 have played in Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4.
13 have played in Divisions 3 and 4 only.
4 have played in Divisions 2 and 3 only.
2 have played in Divisions 4 only.....TOTAL 92.

Coventry is the only club to have played in all six different Divisions of the Football League, counting the old Third South and Third North separately, but Grimsby can be regarded in the same category if their 1920-21 season is regarded as a season in the Third Division South.



Watford (light shirts) in League Cup action against Nottingham Forest this season.



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FULL NAME: Kenneth Graham Sansom
BIRTHPLACE: Camberwell, London
BIRTHDATE: 26th September, 1958
HEIGHT: 5ft 6½ins
WEIGHT: 11st 7lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: Jaguar
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Chelsea
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They are all tough
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Crystal Palace v. Liverpool in the Third Round of the 1976-77 F.A. Cup
BIGGEST THRILL: Playing for England's Under-21 team
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not playing for the Under-21's last year
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Australia
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: T.V. and all sports
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Travelling
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Tom and Jerry and Happy Days
FAVOURITE SINGERS: I like a variety of music
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Clint Eastwood and Bruce Lee
BEST FRIEND: I've many close friends
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My mum. She helped me through the hard times
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Schoolboy, Youth and Under-21's
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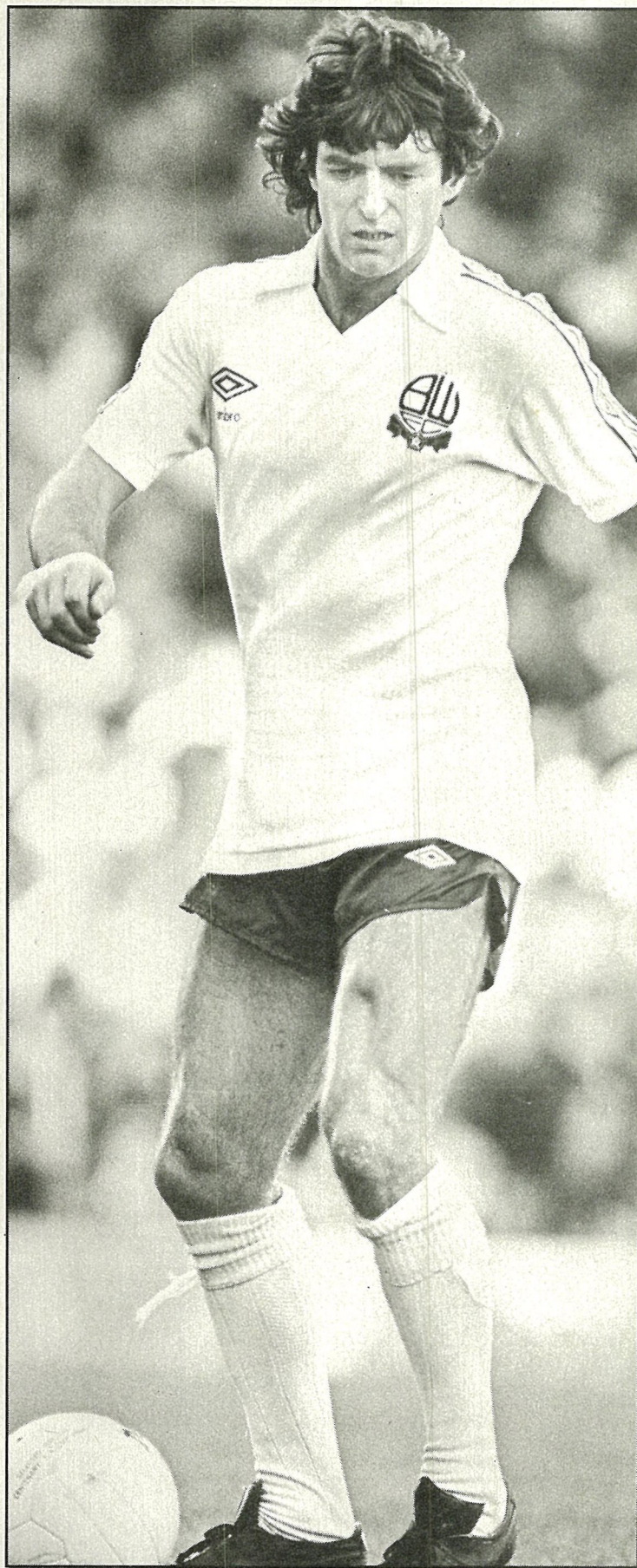
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DAVE THOMAS
(EVERTON)



WILLIE MORGAN
(BOLTON)

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'No one slacks at Luton'

LUTON Town's progressive attitude is what attracted Bob Hatton (right) to the Second Division club. Hatton reflects on his first few months at Kenilworth Road by saying: "I have seen nothing at the club since my arrival to change my first impression."

"I joined Luton because they are ambitious, dedicated, hard working and want to go places. It's a great club with a fine future."

Hatton arrived at Luton last summer in a deal which made him one of the most travelled players in the game. Luton were his seventh club.

Why so much travelling? The 31-year-old striker says: "It's just worked out that way. There was no real intention to move that much."

Hatton believes Luton can regain their First Division status within two years. "This season or next we

hope to do it," he says. "We have a good blend now, youngsters of talent supported by experienced players. David Pleat is a fiercely ambitious manager and no one slacks with this club. That is what has impressed me more than anything."

Hatton scored 22 goals for Blackpool last season to finish as the Second Division's leading League scorer. "I was happy with that tally but very sad when Blackpool went down," he said. "I knew I couldn't stay and play Third Division football, my career would have suffered. So I joined Luton and had scored ten goals by early January."

"It is always hard to score and although I've managed to do it at most clubs I've been with, it never gets easier. It's something you have to work at for you must be on top of your game to score goals regularly."

"I want to score, I'm determined to get on to the score-sheet."

Hatton rates 1971-72 when Birmingham won promotion to the First Division as his most successful spell in the game. "We also reached the Semi-Finals of the F.A. Cup before losing to Leeds," he says. "Those were good times for Birmingham. I'm disappointed to see the club in trouble this season."

"Now, I am determined to lead Luton to promotion. It was great to be made team captain."

Hatton doesn't believe in looking to a future after playing even though he's now past 31. "Why should I?" he says. "I've got a big job to do here with Luton and, besides, I'm enjoying my football far too much. I still love every minute of it. Retirement will come quickly enough without thinking of it already. I'm living for the moment — and loving it."



'Unhappy with my Valley form'

DICK Tydeman (right) has been at Charlton for almost two years but admits sadly he has rarely shown his best form.

"I don't know why but I haven't been happy with the way I've played."

Tydeman followed his former Gillingham manager Andy Nelson to The Valley for a £65,000 fee. Tydeman held high hopes of helping Charlton to challenge for a place in Division One, but, sadly, things haven't worked out.

Tydeman explains: "I had a talk with Andy Nelson about the problem. It got to the point where we wondered whether I should remain in the side. The boss, too, has been worried about my form."

Tydeman denies lack of motivation is the reason for his problem.



"I'm 27 and keen to do well in this Division," he says. "If I'm going to get into the First and play there then I'm going to do it with Charlton and no other club. So I certainly don't lack motivation."

"I feel we have the right players to achieve success at Charlton. People who accuse the South-East London club of lacking ambition are talking rubbish. Andy Nelson is not a man to be content with going nowhere. He wants to get on and progress to the First Division — he played there and knows what it's like to be involved at the top."

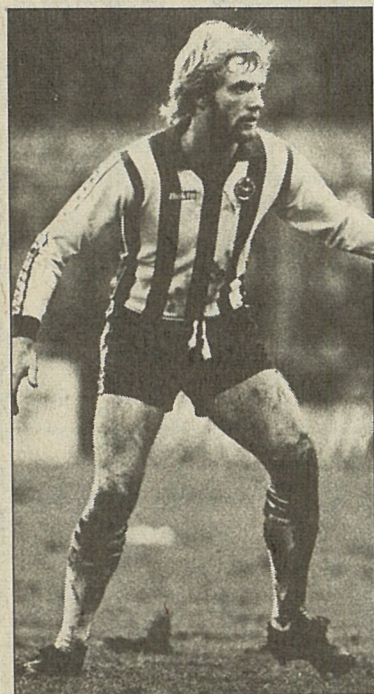
"We have three players up-front as good as anyone in the Second Division, Derek Hales, Colin Powell and Martin Robinson."

"What has held back this side in

the past has been silly mistakes. We've scored plenty of goals but always conceded a lot. Sloppy marking and lapses in concentration have been our downfall."

"We owe it to ourselves and also the Charlton fans to really get it together and do well. This is a club with a big atmosphere compared to a set-up like Gillingham. It wouldn't take very much to put Charlton into the First Division."

Nelson's task is to shore-up Charlton's defence. Playing in the First Division was second nature to Charlton for so many years. Now, Nelson, Tydeman and all the staff are striving hard to regain that place. But the task ahead gets harder and harder each season — as Tydeman has already discovered.



'Brighton will be among the best'

TEDDY Maybank (left) Brighton's expensive signing, is at last accepted by the Goldstone Ground fans.

Maybank who cost Brighton £200,000 from Fulham, found luck wasn't on his side when he arrived on the South Coast. Last season's goalscoring hero Peter Ward was in the middle of a long goal famine, something the fans had never seen before from the striker. So when costly Maybank arrived, everyone looked to him to start hitting the score-sheet regularly.

Maybank scored a few early goals. But he was honest enough to admit: "I wasn't playing well. I knew that."

"My early form was a disappointment to the fans. They

expected me to come in and start scoring regularly and doing incredible things. It's always hard when you change clubs and you need a while to settle in. I have to adjust to my new team-mates but they've also had to change and adapt to playing with me."

Maybank stayed only a few months with Fulham after signing from Chelsea. Yet Fulham paid only £65,000 for him. So did Chelsea blunder?

Maybank says: "I wouldn't say Chelsea necessarily made a mistake. They needed money at the time and took what they could. It was a gamble."

"Personally, I don't give a damn about what Brighton paid. That's what boss Alan Mullery and the

Brighton club thought I was worth.

"I hope people don't expect me to whack the ball in the net as soon as I get it every time. Nobody can do that whether they cost £200,000 or £700,000."

"It surprised me I was worth £200,000. I scored 17 goals in 31 games for Fulham. I wouldn't say I ever played that well at Chelsea. I didn't find it easy to score goals there. I don't think anyone has done in recent years."

Maybank, despite his initial problems, is in no doubt he has made the right decision. "I believe in a couple of seasons, Brighton will be one of the best sides in the country. The whole club wants to go places and I'm convinced we'll do just that."

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SUNDAY, JAN. 28

SCOTTISH CUP (Third Round)

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (Leonard) 11,801
HIBS (0) 1 (Higgins) 21,461
 Dunfermline: Whyte; Scott, Mercer, Thomson, Salton, Hunter, Mullin, Robertson, Leonard, Donnelly, Hegarty.
 Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan, Bremner, Stewart, McNamara, McLeod, Higgins, Hutchinson, Callaghan, Lambie (O'Brien).

MONDAY, JAN. 29

F.A. CUP (Fourth Round)

C. PALACE (1) 3 (Nicholas, Fenwick, Kember)
BRISTOL C. (0) 0 21,463
 Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Fenwick, Swindlehurst, Walsh.
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Ritchie, Royle, Cormack (Mann), Whitehead, Tainton.

Postponed: Bristol R. v Charlton; League Cup Semi-Final second-leg: Watford v Nottm Forest; Scottish Cup: Inverness T. v Falkirk

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

F.A. CUP (Fourth Round)

ALDERSHOT (2) 2 (Dungworth 2)
SWINDON (0) 1 (Rowland) 10,913
 Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.
 Swindon: Allan; Hamilton, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Gilchrist (Rowland), Bates, Williams.

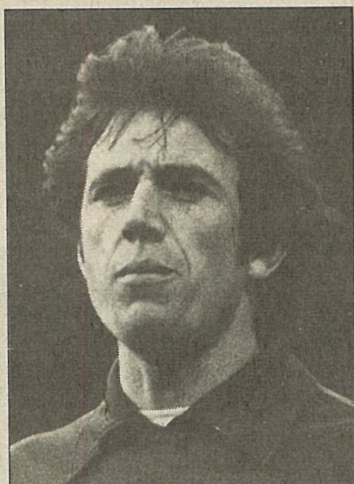
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Dalglish) 43,432
BLACKBURN (0) 0
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Hughes, Kennedy (A), Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Fairclough, McDermott (Heighway), Souness.
 Blackburn: Butcher; Fowler, Bailey, Metcalfe, Round, Fazackerley, Hird, Garner, Craig, Birchenall, Morris (Brotherston).

NEWPORT 0
COLCHESTER 0 10,329
 Newport: Plumley; Walden, Byrne, Thompson, Davies, Bruton, Oakes, Lowndes, Goddard, Woods, Vaughan.
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Hodge, Wignall, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Dyer, Lee, Allinson.

REPLAY

ORIENT (0) 0
IPSWICH (0) 2 (Mariner 2) 18,672
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey (Banjo), Hughton, Gray, Went, Chiedozi, Moores, Mayo, Kitchen, Coates.
 Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Tibbott, Mills, Roberts, Osman, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Whymark, Woods.

Postponed: Bristol R. v Charlton; Oldham v Leicester



Paul Cooper helped holders Ipswich Town into the Fifth Round.

LEAGUE CUP Semi-Finals second-leg

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Curran)
LEEDS (0) 0 23,645
 Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Andruszewski (Baker), Hebbard, Holmes, Curran.
 Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Hawley (Harris), Currie, Graham.

WATFORD 0
NOTT M FOREST 0 27,656
 Watford: Sherwood; Stirr, Harrison, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Pollard (Mercer), Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Downes.
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Bowyer, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

Postponed: First Division: Chelsea v Coventry; Second Division: Luton v Stoke.

THIRD DIVISION

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Biggins) 6,693
CHESTER (0) 0
 Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Larkin, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Chapman, Atkins, Tong, Biggins, Maguire.
 Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Walker, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Felix, Livermore, Edwards, Phillips, Henderson.

Postponed: Rotherham v Southend; Walsall v Gillingham.

FOURTH DIVISION

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Laidlaw) 1,719
HEREFORD (0) 0
 Doncaster: Peacock; Olney, Robinson, Meagan, Bradley, Lally, Laidlaw, Bowden (Pugh), French, Bentley, Owen.
 Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Cornes, Hunt, Emery, Feeley, Holmes (K), Crompton, Gould (O'Brien), Holmes (W).

Postponed: Crewe v Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

F.A. CUP (Fourth Round)

FULHAM (0) 1 (Margerrison)
MAN. UTD (1) 1 (Greenhoff J.) 25,229
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Money, Lock, Davies, Beck, Guthrie, Margerrison, Mariello.
 Man. U: Bailey; Greenhoff (B), Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson (Nicholl), Macari, Thomas.

FIRST DIVISION

EVERTON (0) 1 (Thomas)
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Shelton) 29,079
 Everton: Wood; Todd, Higgins, Lyons, Wright, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, Walsh, Thomas.
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Williams, Gregory, McNaught, Mortimer, Craig, Swain, Evans, Cowans, Shelton (Cropley).

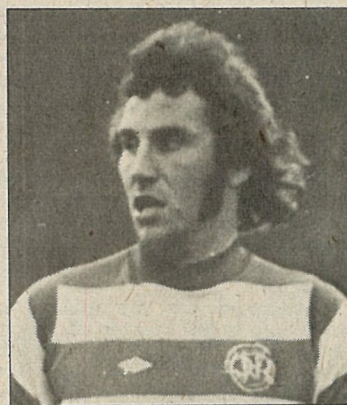
NORWICH (1) 1 (Davies) 14,203
Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Francis)
 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Davies, McGuire, Hoadley, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Fashanu, Symonds, Peters.
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Roeder, Shanks (Busby), Francis, Hamilton, Bowles, Goddard.

Postponed: W.B.A. v Derby.

FOURTH DIVISION

TORQUAY (2) 3 (Lawrence 3)
BARNLEY (2) 2 (Bell, Graham) 2,714
 Torquay: Turner; Darke, Parsons, Twitchin, Boulton, Dunne, Wilson, Lawrence, Coffill, Cooper, Johnson.
 Barnley: Springett; Pugh (Prendergast), Collins, Riley, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Clarke, Graham, Millar, Bell.

Postponed: Reading v Wimbledon.



A Gerry Francis goal enabled Q.P.R. to pick up a valuable point at Norwich.

SCOTTISH CUP (Third Round)

CLYDE (0) 1 (Ahern pen.)
KILMARNOCK (1) 5 (Gibson, Bourke 2, Street 2) 2,509
 Clyde: Arrol; Anderson, Thorburn, Clougherty, Kinnear (Ferris), Ahern, O'Neill, Brogan, Hood, McCabe (Grant), Marshall.
 Kilmarnock: McCulloch; McLean, Robertson, Clark, Clarke, McDicken, Gibson, Maxwell, Bourke, Mauchlan, Street.

CLYDEBANK (3) 3 (Miller 2, McDougall)
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 3 (Wood, McAloon, Ballantyne) 1,500
 Clydebank: Gallacher; Fallon, Abel, Fanning, McCormack, Given, McDougall, Houston, Miller, Brown, Colgan (Gervaise).
 Queen's Park: Atkins; McSkimming, Dickie, Wylie, Bowie, McAloon, Wood, Reynolds, Ballantyne, Sinclair, Wilkie (Horne).

MEADOWBANK (1) 2 (Hancock, J. pen., Davidson)
SPARTANS (0) 1 (Smith) 2,000
 Meadowbank: Allan; Letion, Fraser, Stewart (E) (O'Rourke), Wight, Conroy, McKenzie (Hancock, S), Hancock (J), Small, Davidson, Johnstone.
 Spartans: Tevendale; Hepburn, Brough, Beattie, Gardner, Bell (Dunnett), Smith, Whyte (Morrison), Arnott, Costello, McKinnon.

MONTROSE (1) 2 (Miller, Murray)
CELTIC (0) 4 (McCluskey 3, Lynch pen.) 3,066
 Montrose: Gorman; Darcy (B), Johnston, Ford, Darcy (D), Hair, McIntosh, Robb, Livingstone (Murray), Lowe, Miller.
 Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Filippi, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, McLeod, McCluskey, Lennox, Doyle.

Postponed: all other ties

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

F.A. CUP (Third Round)

WREXHAM (1) 6 (Cegielski, McNeil 2, Lyons, Cartwright, Shinton)
STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Lee, Park) 7,500
 Wrexham: Davies; Hill (Sutton), Cegielski, Davis, Roberts, Giles, Shinton, Cartwright, McNeil, Lyons, Fox.
 Stockport: Rogan; Smith, Rutter, Thompson, Park, Edwards, Henson, Summerbee, Bradd, Armstrong, Lee (Prudham).

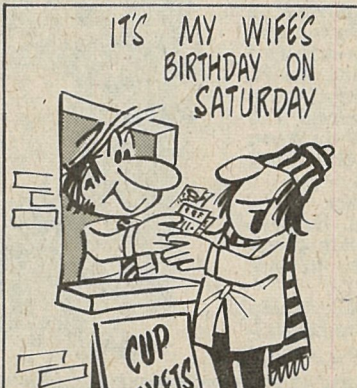
FRIDAY, FEB. 2

THIRD DIVISION

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Roberts o.g., Allinson pen.)
EXETER (0) 2 (Neville 2)
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Hodge, Wignall, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Dyer, Lee (Packer), Allinson.
 Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Hore, Randell, Giles, Roberts, Neville, Pearson, Sims, Delve, Hatch.

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NOBBY



IN the past four years there have been over SIXTY — yes, sixty — managerial swaps North of the border. It's an astonishing statistic as clubs search for success and are patently obvious not willing to settle for second best.

Some clubs have even had four managers in four years. That's the same amount as Celtic have had in their entire history and they were founded in 1888!

Motherwell have gone through Ian St. John, Willie McLean and

Cowdenbeath have played their part in the 'guess-who-will-be-manager-today' game by having four in charge in the same amount of years. They were Andy Matthew, Dan McLindon, Frank Connor and now present boss Pat Wilson.

The name of the unfortunate Dan McLindon keeps cropping up in this whirlpool of managers. He has also had a brief career as Alloa's supremo. That position is now being looked after by Hugh

ROLL UP, roll up for the most amazing soccer show on earth! It's a case of now-you-see-him-now-you-don't on the incredible managerial merry-go-round in Scotland as clubs change their bosses about as many times as they change their strips.

Managers trapped in a

Roger Hynd in four seasons and now they are on to boss number four ... the remarkable Ally MacLeod, who has been manager of the Scottish international team, Ayr United and the Fir Park club all in the space of 76 days. Even in this day and age that is breathtaking. It beats even Brian Clough and Jock Stein in their 44 and 45-day stays respectively at Leeds.

The changes in the hot seats in Scotland are roaring along like an unstoppable, erratic tidal wave. The fans aren't even sure who is going to be sitting in their team's dug-out on a Saturday!

Only four managers have been able to hold down their position in the past four years out of Scotland's 38 League clubs. They are Albert Henderson (Arbroath), who is the longest-serving boss North of the border with well over a decade's service at Gayfield, Eddie Turnbull (Hibs), Jim McLean (Dundee United) and Bertie Auld (Partick Thistle).

Elsewhere there have been changes all over the place with bosses coming and going at a furious pace. It's not just the top clubs who are involved in the frantic search for success and honours.

Look at little, modest East Stirling, for a start. At the start of season 1974-75 they had Alex Ferguson, now the Aberdeen boss, guiding them through the battlefield of today's soccer world. He left for St. Mirren and former Dundee, Manchester United, Arsenal and St. Mirren centre-half Ian Ure took over. He got the chop and in came former Partick Thistle player Dan McLindon. Then he moved on with ex-Hamilton goal-keeper Billy Lamont taking his place. Four bosses in four years!

Aberdeen, too, have had dubious distinction. Jimmy Bonithrone was axed making way for Ally MacLeod who then took over the Scotland job after a year. Billy McNeill stayed a season and then returned to his first love Celtic. Now former Ranger Alex Ferguson is in charge.

Morton, too, have been busy in the swapping-managers-business. Erik Sorensen, their former 'keeper who also had a spell with Rangers, had a short spell as boss. So, too, had Joe Gilroy, who is now Queen's Park's coach. Director Hal Stewart then took over the running of the club before making way for Benny Rooney last season.

Wilson.

St. Johnstone haven't been slow starters, either, in the race to hire and fire 'em. Jackie Stewart, Jim Storrie and now Alex Stuart have guided their fortunes in four seasons.

There seems no end to the changes that have cropped up in such a short space of time. Billy McNeill has now settled at Parkhead, of course, but Celtic are his THIRD club in three years! Remember he had a whistle-stop stay at Clyde, taking over from Stan Anderson, before going to Pittodrie.

Brechin and Forfar are two clubs hardly expected to create a huge impact on soccer North of the border, but they, too, haven't been without their casualties.

Ken Dick, Charlie Dunn and now Ian Stewart have been bosses at Forfar while David Eason, Jerry Kerr and now Archie Knox have sampled the happy and not-so-happy life at Forfar.

Berwick, too, have had three bosses in four years. Harry Melrose and Gordon Haig were the managers before former Ranger Dave Smith moved in as player/boss.

Charge

Even Meadowbank Thistle have been caught up in this cut-throat business! John Bain and Alex Ness have come and gone and now ex-Hibs boss Willie McFarlane is in charge.

Is there any way of stopping this runaway roller coaster of magic and misery? It doesn't look like it. Managers continue to apply for jobs and put their necks on the guillotine. They know what will happen if they don't measure up.

The fans shout for their head and there is always a director or chairman who is only too happy not to turn a deaf ear for a change and bring that axe out of the cupboard and use it with devastating results. That axe is a very important instrument in today's soccer world. The knife, too, comes in handy when the poor unfortunate boss isn't looking.

Let's, however, go back to the mercurial Ally MacLeod. He says he was born lucky and perhaps there is a lot of sense in that statement.

Who else could come bouncing back after the overwhelming anticlimax of the World Cup — a flop



LEFT ... Celtic's Billy McNeill. BELOW ... Benny Rooney of Morton. RIGHT ... Former Scotland boss Ally MacLeod, now in charge of Motherwell. BELOW, FAR RIGHT ... Manager of Aberdeen is Alex Ferguson. BELOW, RIGHT ... Andy Matthews of Raith Rovers.

end all flops — and now have a job with a Premier Division club earning £20,000 a year which is more than he got for being boss of his country. Incredible!

"I won't settle until I have won the Premier title." Those were the words uttered by MacLeod before joining Motherwell. He was the First Division with Ayr United and obviously someone at Fir Park thought there was a ring of truth to it.

MacLeod's career is difficult to

follow. It has zoomed and zig-zagged like a burst balloon, going in no particular direction. Now MacLeod could be settling down to a true and accurate course.

He hasn't lost faith in his own ability. He admits he had a "bad week in Argentina," but refuses to take a place out of the spotlight. When he took over Ayr United there were critics who were silly enough to sincerely believe 'Muhammad Ally' had retired from the big game hunting. They know

Hagart, however, was given the heave when Willie Ormond quit as Scotland manager to become the number one at Tynecastle. MacLeod then took Ormond's job, quit, took over his former club Ayr United and now moves in at Fir Park.

The youngest manager in Scotland is East Fife's player-boss Davie Clarke, who is only 27, and he must know that if things don't pick up soon down Methil way he, too, could be joining the scrapheap reserved for one-time supremos.

East Fife are another club to have gone through bosses in a rather haphazard fashion. Frank Christie, their former trainer, became boss when Pat Quinn, number two to Bertie Auld at Partick Thistle at the moment, was sacked.

Then Christie got his marching orders with the much-travelled Roy Barry coming in. Shortly after that appointment came the disappointment for Barry as he was given the elbow. Clarke is now in his place. Waiting and wondering, no doubt.

There is no hiding place either for out-of-luck managers with East Fife's near rivals Raith Rovers. In the same space of time they have tried George Farm, Andy Matthew and Willie McLean. McLean, of course, is with Ayr United, and Raith are looking for his replacement.

Trophies

Farm, of course, had a fairly successful period at Dunfermline, helping them to win the Scottish Cup in 1968, but trophies didn't flow as expected and he was sacked and in came George Miller, who, ironically, was captain of Hearts the day the East End Park club beat them 3-1 to lift the Cup at Hampden.

Then the crunch came for Miller with Harry Melrose moving in. There must be something in the Fife air when you consider Cowdenbeath have also had four managers in as many years.

It gets confusing, doesn't it? Queen of the South fans must be fairly bewildered, too, at the unexpected turn of events that continually take place OFF the field at Palmerston.

Willie McLean was appointed their boss before going to Motherwell. Mike Jackson then took over before joining Morton last season as assistant to his former Celtic team-mate Benny Rooney.

The Palmerston club then gave the managerial chair to Willie Hunter, the former Scottish international midfielder. Hunter didn't even last out the season! The responsibility of running team affairs was taken from him by the Dumfries club's board. Chairman Willie Harkness and his associates took over while the club was going through a bad spell and Hunter was on the way out when, remarkably, the team started to get better results.

The latest bulletin from Palmerston is that Queen of the South may not bother to appoint a manager this season ... if, indeed, they intend to appoint a manager at all!

Secretary Jim Edmunds has run Stranraer in recent years, but ex-

Celtic winger John Hughes was given the opportunity to see what he could do. Hughes left after a season and he is now boss of the Scottish junior international team. Edmunds has been restored.

On reflection, it looks as though there has been more activity going on behind the scenes than there has out on the field. That may sound harsh, but you must admit over sixty changes in only four years is quite an astounding, almost unbelievable figure.

Contracts mean very little in football no matter upon which side of the fence you sit. When your face doesn't fit the axe is produced.

Even now there are some managers sitting on a very wobbly fence. They know their foundations are crumbling, they are trying all they know to field a winning team to safeguard their job, but desperation and panic inevitably sets in and it is extremely difficult to work under those conditions. In fact, it is downright impossible and that is why the casualty rates soars year in, year out.

How many managers will still be with their clubs this time next year? Unfortunately there aren't enough prizes to go round every club so you can bet your last penny that the trusty axes will be sharpened in discreet silence in boardrooms throughout the land even at this moment.

Then comes the public slaying. And the managerial merry-go-round gets another wreckless spin.

'whirlpool'



differently now!

It's true MacLeod has a certain charisma. He is known as a motivator and he is very definitely a colourful character. However, he has one helluva job on his hands at ailing Motherwell, who are now on to their third manager in 12 months. When Willie McLean 'quit' they gave the job to Roger Hynd, the nephew of the legendary Bill Shankly.

Hynd said after a couple of good results: "My uncle was a small man with great ambition. I am a bigger man with greater ambition." Ten months later he was out of a job!

Now MacLeod has moved in at Fir Park and his assistant will be none other than John Hagart. Remember the name? Yes, Hagart was MacLeod's assistant in Argentina last summer. Now that's an interesting double act, isn't it? The possibilities are mind-boggling!

Hagart also had a brief managerial career at Hearts when he took over from the sacked Bobby Seith.



IN NEXT WEEK'S SHOOT

Colour: Brian Talbot in action for Arsenal + Jimmy Greenhoff (Man. U.) + Gordon Cowans (Aston Villa) + Focus on Brendon Batson (W.B.A.) + Richard Money (Fulham) + a double-page pin-up of Nottingham Forest's million pounds signing Trevor Francis.

Features: Four players (Liam Brady of Arsenal, Tony Brown of W.B.A., Joe Royle of Bristol City and Clive Woods of Ipswich) comment on the implications of Trevor Francis' amazing transfer fee + Everton manager Gordon Lee on why he doesn't contemplate signing foreign stars for his Championship-chasing team + We select a representative Glasgow Rangers team from their stars since the War + Big Match Crosstalk: W.B.A. v Man. City. + Interviews with a wide range of players from all Divisions + Mario Kempes — Superstar or 12-Day Wonder?

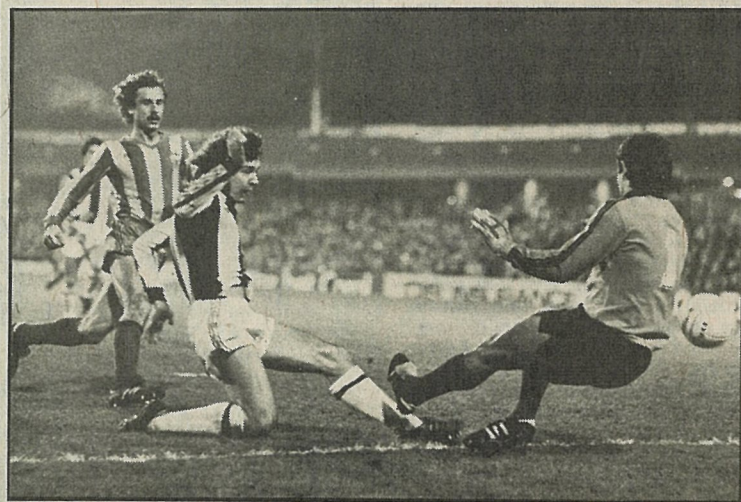
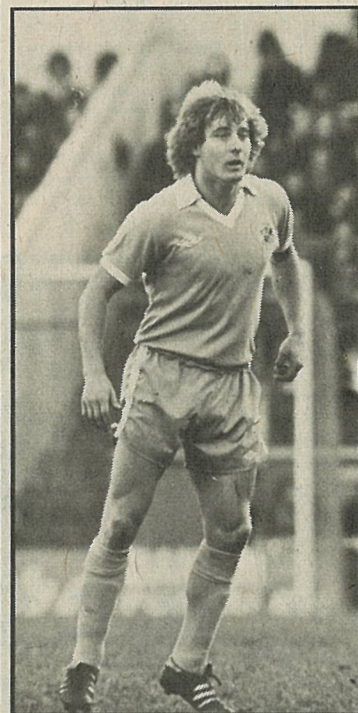
KEEP UP TO DATE — KEEP TAKING SHOOT REGULARLY

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

The Quarter-Final first-legs of the three major European trophies are scheduled for March 7th. See if you can answer the following questions about the tournaments.

EUROPEAN CUP

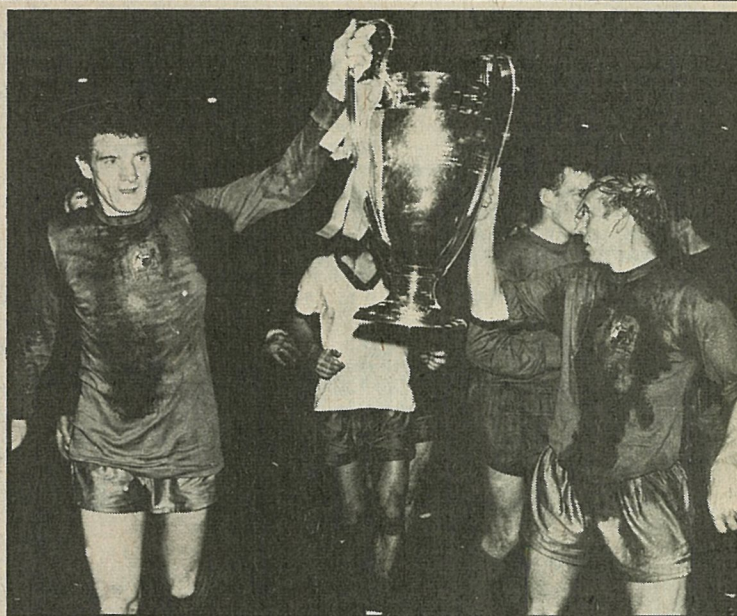
1. Will Nottingham Forest's £1 million striker Trevor Francis be available for their clash with Grasshoppers?
2. Which two clubs have the League Champions knocked out of this season's competition?



3. Glasgow Rangers, Britain's other representatives, meet FC Cologne. Are they a West or East German club?
4. Can you name the four other club sides left in the tournament?
5. True or false? Manchester United (right) were the first British club to win the European Cup?
6. Three club sides have won the trophy three years in succession. Real Madrid and Bayern Munich are two ... can you name the other?

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

7. Ipswich Town meet Barcelona. The two clubs clashed last season as well. (a) In which competition



- and (b) what was the aggregate score?
8. The remaining six clubs in the tournament are FC Magdeburg, Banik Ostrava, Inter-Milan, SK Beveren, Fortuna Düsseldorf and Servette. Has any of them won the Cup-Winners' Cup in the past?

12. West Ham (left, dark shirts) battled to the 1976 Final where they lost 4-2 to which Belgian club?

U.E.F.A. CUP

13. Asa Hartford (far left), and Tommy Booth scored two of Manchester City's goals in their 3-0 second-leg win against AC Milan in the Third Round at Maine Road. Did Gary Owen, Peter Barnes or Brian Kidd grab the other?
14. Can you name the two Yugoslav clubs Arsenal played in the Second and Third Rounds?
15. The Gunners were knocked out by the second club. Was the aggregate score 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2?
16. In the previous round, West Brom (bottom of page, light shorts) stormed through when they beat Valencia 3-1 on aggregate. The Spanish club had two World Cup winners playing. Who were they?
17. By what name was the U.E.F.A. Cup originally known?
18. In which years did Liverpool capture the U.E.F.A. Cup?

ANSWERS

1. No. 2. Liverpool and AEK Athens. 3. West. 4. Wisla Krakow, Malmö FF, Austria Vienna and Dynamo Dresden. 5. False. Celtic were. 6. Ajax. 7. (a) U.E.F.A. and (b) 3-3 (Barcelona won on penalties). 8. FC Magdeburg. 9. Basle. 10. Aberdeen. 11. Tottenham. 12. Anderlecht. 13. Brian Kidd. 14. Hajduk Split and Red Star Belgrade. 15. 2-1. 16. Mario Kempes (Argentina) and Rainer Bonhof (West Germany). 17. Fairs Cup. 18. 1972-73 and 1975-76.

9. Will the Final be held in Munich, Basle or Paris?
10. Hibernian, Dundee United or Aberdeen represented Scotland this season?
11. Which club were the first British side to win a European trophy when they won the Cup-Winners' Cup in 1962-63?

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Sam. (3) Burden. (7) No. (8) Vandal. (11) Bert. (12) Ego. (13) Mail. (15) Norman Bell. (18) Ruler. (20) Droll. (22) Ounce. (25) Real. (26) Expert. (27) Alder. (29) Pa. (30) Rangers. (33) Eye. (34) Moor. (35) So.
DOWN:— (1) Seven. (2) Manor Road. (3) Bramall. (4) Noble. (5) Enrol. (6) Not. (9) Ago. (10) Lane. (14) Ibrox. (16) Muller. (17) Line. (19) Jet. (20) Drape. (21) Relay. (23) Upper. (24) Cross. (28) Ram. (31) No. (32) Go.

Jumbled Name: DAVID LANGAN.

Captain JOHN HOLLINS on **What's gone wrong at Rangers?**

IT'S a question that has been on the lips of every football fan up and down the country as the once proud Londoners have slipped and slithered towards the relegation zone in Division One.

Yet, incredibly enough, it's just two years since Rangers were on the brink of European success in what was a mighty tough field in that season's U.E.F.A. Cup. The West London club were standing proudly alongside teams like Juventus, AEK Athens, Athletic Bilbao and Barcelona after having beaten FC Cologne and Slovan Bratislava in the earlier rounds.

But 22 months later Rangers are being talked of as relegation probabilities. The prospect of visits to Boundary Park, Oldham and Meadow Lane, Notts County is in stark contrast to luxury trips abroad. What has happened to hasten Rangers downfall?

"What's gone wrong?" asks skipper John Hollins, with a mischievous grin? "We haven't really got enough points that's been the main problem," he laughs. "But seriously, it has obviously been a struggle for us. The situation now is almost identical to what it was when Frank Sibley took over. It's been an almost identical year.

"It was an indifferent start for us this season. We didn't have a manager at an important time and then when we did, perhaps the systems we used were wrong. We started on the wrong note and haven't really got away from trouble at any stage."

Sadly for Rangers, their chances of doing the same this year evaporated in the first F.A. Cup game they played. They went to Fulham just a mile or two down the Fulham Palace Road from their own ground and lost 2-0; beaten comfortably by the Second Divi-

sion outfit. "We needed that Cup run again this season — defeat in the first game was a blow," admitted the former Chelsea star.

Hollins believes all the Rangers players have to look to themselves to ask if they've done enough work. "Perhaps some haven't been happy with the positions they've been played in," he says. "But at the end of the day when all the excuses have been heard, there is only one thing you can do and that's get stuck in and work even harder."

As Rangers slumped, so the crowds dwindled at Loftus Road until an unbelievable 9,000 turned up for the Middlesbrough game. "I must admit I haven't experienced a First Division game as low as that before," said Hollins. "I don't want to again either although our stadium makes it seem as though there are more. If it had been Stamford Bridge, it would have seemed like a ghost city."

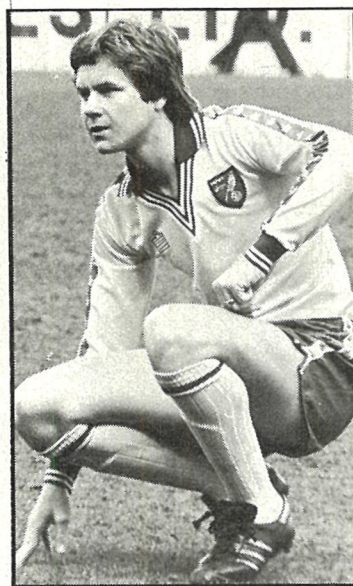
"I don't believe clubs have any divine right to support. If we, the players, don't produce good entertaining football and give them what they want, why should they keep coming. I wouldn't keep going to watch a rubbish film at the cinema each week if it wasn't entertaining."

Hollins sums up the situation like this. "Perhaps we need a couple of new players to inject new ideas and new blood," he says. "There are kids coming along but the gap is so vast and they're not ready for it yet. But the past has gone and it's no good looking back."

"Q.P.R. must look to the future and build for a better tomorrow. I know we're capable of doing so but only sheer hard work will achieve it."

KEVIN BOND

on the
problem of
being the
manager's son



KEVIN Bond dare not risk a bad match on a Saturday. Why? Well, life can be unbearable for the rest of the weekend if your Dad just happens to be your manager.

That's the dilemma of young Kevin, son of Norwich City boss John Bond. And Kevin has an answer to the problem — he sometimes has to leave home for the weekend. A tough measure? Certainly. But that's the only way young Kevin can avoid a weekend's discussion if he's produced some poor form on a Saturday afternoon.

It's an extraordinary situation for the son of Norwich's go-ahead manager. But despite the pressures of having a father who also happens to be your boss, young Kevin Bond isn't complaining. For, as he admits: "My Dad has taught me a heck of a lot of things about football. I'm sure I wouldn't have got so far without him being there."

'First Team'

But that tale of what happens at weekends, needs explaining. Bond, junior, says: "My Dad never used to say anything when I was in the reserve team. He couldn't because he hadn't seen me play. But since I got into the first team, he is able to have a go when I get home sometimes. I get stick if I've had a bad game — so I often go out for the weekend and don't come home."

But young Kevin doesn't think his father is too hard a task master. He says: "He isn't too bad a bloke to work for. He's fair above all and that's the most important thing. If you deserve a rollicking you get it; if you don't and you've played well, he will praise you."

But Bond is quick to deny he gets any special treatment just because his Dad happens to be the manager. "The other players would be very small minded if they thought I got favours — they don't, I know. I certainly don't get any privileges. Our relationship is like any ordinary one. John Ryan put it well when he said if someone watched the club training, they'd never guess I was the manager's son."

"I get the same treatment as the other players in every case. There are no perks going simply because

I'm the son of the boss. OK, I have been taught things about the game for several years in the way that any father would pass on the tips to his son. But that's as far as it goes. We get on really well as manager and son and I still live at home. It's like I am just one of the workers and that is the same as everyone else when we're at work together. At home, I am treated the same way as any son would be."

Kevin admits he and his famous father have made it a rule never to discuss any of the other players when they're home. "That wouldn't be fair at all," he says.

This season, Kevin has moved from his defensive role to a more adventurous position in midfield. The change came about because Bond senior brought in a youngster from the reserves to do a particular job at full-back for a few games. The newcomer, Richard Symonds, did so well he stayed in the side and even attracted a £50,000 offer from Ipswich after only half a dozen games. But John Bond knows his football too well not to see the potential in him. Ipswich's offer was rejected — and the kid is now another of the promising players Bond is bringing along at Carrow Road.

But Symonds' arrival gave Bond the chance to go into midfield. And now he says: "I love it there; it's really great. You don't get exposed so much as you can do at full-back. And I am able to go forward much more now which is my game. I have really enjoyed attacking but I don't know at this stage whether it's a permanent move."

Kevin Bond's move forward is interesting because he isn't the first Norwich full-back to make the switch. John Ryan, who moved to Seattle Sounders, made a similar move with success. His creative play and goalscoring ability from the middle of the park have helped City in many games. And Kevin says: "Yes, I'd like that sort of role permanently. I'm used to midfield work now and I don't find it any problem. I reckon my Dad is one of the best coaches in the game so if he reckons I'm good enough for it, I'll stay in this position. I have learned a great deal from him even though I'm only 21. Now I hope to build a midfield career — it's my big ambition."



PAUL MARINER Ipswich Town



SHOOT!